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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY; ESPIONAGE DASH P. REURTEL
THIS DATE. DOCUMENTS WHICH YOU HAVE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU FROM THE
FILES OF THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY EITHER HAVE BEEN
OR WILL BE RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE EXPEDITIOUSLY FOR RETURN TO THE
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. IF THEIR USE BECOMES
NECESSARY, THEY WILL BE PROMPTLY SUPPLIED.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R.
REOURLET DEC. FOURTEEN PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPH CONCERNING RETURN OF
ORIGINAL TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS TO ~~NORTHWESTERN~~ MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE
CO. MR. RALPH E. PERRY, SECRETARY THAT COMPANY, TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED TODAY THAT PUBLICITY OF YESTERDAY CONCERNING TYPEWRITER
SPECIMENS HAD ALARMED OFFICIALS HIS COMPANY AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF
NORTHWESTERN ADVISED OFFICIALS THEY SHOULD HAVE HAD SUBPOENAS BEFORE
RELEASING ANY OF LETTERS. PUBLICITY REFERRED TO IS IN AN ARTICLE BY
ASSOCIATED PRESS, DATED PHILADELPHIA, PA. WHICH APPEARED IN
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL AFTERNOON DEC. FOURTEEN. COPY OF ARTICLE WAS SENT
BUREAU AMSD THIS AM. ARTICLE BASED ON STORY IN EVENING BULLETIN
PRESUMABLY PHILADELPHIA NEWSPAPER QUOTING QUOTE THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY
UNQUOTE TO EFFECT A PRIVATE DETECTIVE WORKING FOR LAWYER OF ALGER
HISS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCOVERY OF THREE OR FOUR TYPEWRITTEN SHEETS
BELIEVED TO BE PRODUCED ON A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER FORMERLY USED BY
HISS. THE EVENING BULLETIN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE DETECTIVE
LEARNED THE TYPEWRITER HAD COME FROM THE OFFICE OF FATHER OF MRS.
HISS, THOMAS L. FANSLER, AND THAT FANSLER-S FORMER PARTNER, HARRY L.
MARTIN, IS NOW OPERATING AN INSURANCE AGENCY IN PHILADELPHIA.
ARTICLE QUOTES FROM THE EVENING BULLETIN QUOTE THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE
WENT TO SEE MARTIN WHOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH FANSLER WAS DISSOLVED IN
THE EARLY NINETEEN THIRTIES AFTER LESS THAN FIVE YEARS EXISTENCE. DID

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MARTIN REMEMBER A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER WHICH WAS ONCE IN THE OFFICE OF FANSLER AND MARTIN. HE DID, AND RECALLED WHERE AND WHEN IT WAS OBTAINED. THE SELLER WAS LOCATED, IT WAS LEARNED, AND INTERVIEWED BY FBI MEN. THE HUNT WAS THEN PRESSED FOR LETTERS WHICH MIGHT STILL BE PRESERVED THROUGH THE YEARS WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN THE FANSLER AND MARTIN OFFICE UNQUOTE. THE ARTICLE THEN STATES THAT THE BULLETIN SAID MARTIN HAD IMMEDIATELY ADVISED THE FBI OF THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE-S INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE TYPEWRITER. THE ARTICLE ALSO SAYS MARTIN DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE NEWSPAPER STORY STATING THAT ANY COMMENT MUST COME FROM THE FBI OR THE ^CHUA_A AND THAT THE FBI HAD DECLINED TO COMMENT. MR. PERRY WAS ADVISED THAT PUBLICITY DID NOT EMANATE FROM FBI AND THAT THE STORY COULD HAVE BEEN BASED, ACCORDING TO NEWS ARTICLE, ENTIRELY UPON INFO FURNISHED BY ATTORNEY FOR HISS OR THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE WORKING FOR HIM. PERRY WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT ALL DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY NORTHWESTERN TO FBI WOULD BE RETURNED. AT TIME OF INTERVIEW WITH MR, JOHN L. ~~V~~HUGHES OF NORTHWESTERN, REPORTED IN LETTER OF DEC. FOURTEEN, NEWSPAPER ARTICLE HAD NO T APPEARED. PERRY WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT IF ANY DOCUMENTS FROM NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL FILES WERE NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC HEARING OR TRIAL BASED ON INVESTIGATION OF FBI A SUBPOENA WOULD ISSUE TO THE PROPER PERSON. ATTENTION IS THEREFORE AGAIN DIRECTED TO THE NECESSITY O F RETURNING ALL DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM THE FILES OF NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. AS SON⁰/AS₇₁ NECESSARY LABORATORY EXAMINATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED AND IN

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EVENT ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR ANY HEARING OR TRIAL SUBPOENA SHOULD ISSUE. PERRY ALSO REQUESTED A LETTER FROM THIS OFFICE TO EFFECT THAT ALL THESE DOCUMENTS WOULD BE RETURNED TO THEIR FILES PRIOR TO USE IN ANY PUBLIC HEARING AND THAT PROPER SUBPOENA WOULD ISSUE IF NEEDED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO SUTEL WHETHER OR NOT SUCH A LETTER MAY BE WRITTEN OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS ^{LS}EXPEDITIOUSLY IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE NECESSITY FOR SUCH A LETTER. OFFICIAL THIS COMPANY ~~ARE~~ HAVE BEEN HIGHLY COOPERATIVE AND THEIR GOODWILL IS VERY DESIRABLE. NO REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO NORTHWESTERN BY ANY OTHER AGENCY FOR THESE DOCUMENTS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN OUR TEL DEC. NINE, TEN FORTYFIVE AM REPORTING CALL OF HORACE W. SCHMALL INVESTIGATOR FOR HISS WHO CALLED NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LONG DISTANCE.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS - R. REMPO EFFORTS TO LOCATE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. MR. L. P. DAY, CHIEF OF PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES SECTION, STATE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED TODAY THAT THEIR RECORDS REFLECT THE SERIAL NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ALL WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITERS IN USE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT; THAT THERE ARE ALSO RECORDS OF THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITERS DECLARED SURPLUS WHICH REFLECT SERIAL NUMBERS AND DISPOSITION. THESE RECORDS INDICATE THE OLDEST WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT BEARS SERIAL NUMBER THREE FOUR EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT ONE, WHICH, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM WOODSTOCK FACTORY OBTAINED BY CHICAGO OFFICE, INDICATES THAT THIS TYPEWRITER WAS MADE DURING THE YEAR NINETEEN THIRTYTWO. MR. DAY CAN TESTIFY CONCERNING THESE RECORDS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP R. IN CONNECTION WITH JACK BRINTON, WHO WAS STATED BY BALTIMORE OFFICE TO HAVE BEEN AN ASSOCIATE OF PHILLIP RENO AND A COMMUNIST, RENO DECLARED THAT HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH BRINTON AT COLORADO UNIVERSITY IN ABOUT THIRTY SEVEN WHEN BOTH WERE STUDENTS THERE AND INTERESTED IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, TO SOME EXTENT. STATES THAT BRINTON SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO WASH, DC, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU DURING THIRTYEIGHT AND THIRTYNINE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT SEVERAL NEW DEAL AGENCIERS, THAT HE MOVED TO BALTIMORE, MD, IN FORTYTHREE AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE LONGSHOREMEN-S UNION IN THAT CITY, AND AT THAT TIME BECAME A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE CP. THEREAFTER SERVED TWO YEARS IN THE US ARMY AND IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE COLORADO FUEL AND IRON CO. IN PUEBLO, COLORADO. BALTIMORE SHOULD FURNISH SUMMARY INFO THEIR FILES ON JACK BRINTON TO DENVER, AND UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFO DENVER SHOULD IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRINTON FOR ANY POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE HE MIGHT HAVE RE RENOS PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNIST APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON AND ANY OTHER INFO PERTINENT INSTANT CASE. Kisseloff-3455

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. WHITSON

DATE: 12-15-48

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY;
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Today at 9:50 a.m. I advised ASAC Belmont, New York, of the results of a Laboratory examination of the typewritten specimens. I told him that it has been concluded that the typewritten letter dated February 17, 1933, beginning "Dear Mr. Schelker, This is in reply to your letter of February 11" was typed on the same machine as Q6 through Q69, K17, K32, and that four additional typewritten documents submitted are not identical with the above. I advised him that the evidence was being returned to New York today.

cc - Mr. Harbo
Mr. F. J. Jones

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD
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Miss Gandy

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS - R. REBUL'T DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, REQUESTING A CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE PERSONNEL AND NAMES OF PERSONS DEPARTMENTALWISE WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH HISS AND WADLEIGH, ETC. AT FORMER PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT. HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH AGENTS OF WFO ADVISED HE WAS EMPLOYED AT UNRRA DURING NINETEEN FORTYSIX. ALL PERSONNEL RECORDS UNRRA LEFT WASHINGTON, DC BY TRUCKS, DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, AND ARRIVED NYC, DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST, WHERE THEY ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING UNGRATED AND SET UP. MISS ELEANOR MOLLER, PERSONNEL OFFICER, UNRRA, FROM WASHINGTON OFFICE, IS PRESENTLY SETTING THESE RECORDS UP AT UNRRA PERSONNEL, CARE OF UNITED NATIONS, LAKE SUCCESS, NY, AND CAN BE REACHED AT UN - SARA MR. CYRIL BURTON, POSITION UNKNOWN, AT UN, LAKE SUCCESS. SUGGEST MISS MOLLER BE CONTACTED FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE LOCATING THESE RECORDS AND HANDLE ACCORDING TO REFERENCE BULET DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RH*

FROM : Mr. Sizoo

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
HANDWRITING TESTIMONY

DATE: December 15, 1948

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Tele. Rm.
Miss Gandy

Examiner Ramos C. Feehan appeared before the Grand Jury for the Southern District of New York in New York City on December 14, 1948 and testified that the typewriting on documents that were purportedly given to Mr. CHAMBERS by Mr. HISS, Q6 through Q69, were written on the same typewriter as K17 and K32, specimens which purportedly were typed on a typewriter in the HISS household. Mr. Feehan returned to Washington arriving at 7:30 on the night of the 14th.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. RENVTEL
DECEMBER THIRTEEN. WILLIAM F. FELL CO., DOES NOT HAVE MANUSCRIPT OF
BOOK WRITTEN BY PRISCILLA ~~MISS~~ AND HER SISTER, PUBLISHED BY ~~FELL~~
COMPANY IN THIRTYFOUR, NOR ANY CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO HILL OR
FANSLER. HARRY MARTIN HAS EXAMINED PHOTOSTATS RECEIVED FROM MILWAUKEE,
AND LISTED BY MILWAUKEE IN LETTERS DECEMBER TEN, AS K FIVE THROUGH
K TWELVE INCLUSIVE, AND STATES THAT EXCEPT FOR LETTER DATED JUNE
EIGHT, FORTY, LISTED BY MILWAUKEE AS K TWELVE, THAT ALL OTHER LETTERS
WERE PREPARED IN OFFICE OF ~~FANSLER-MARTIN~~, AND IN HIS OPINION WOULD
HAVE BEEN PREPARED ON WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER PURCHASED FROM THOMAS
~~GRADY~~.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: 12-15-48

FROM : J. E. MILNES

Time of Call: 10:15 p.m.
12-14-48SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY;
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

ASAC Belmont, New York, called. He said that he was in conference with the Department attorneys concerning this case. They wanted to know if the Laboratory was able to determine the age of the typing on the 65 Chambers documents and if so if they could testify to this fact. He also wanted to know if the 65 documents had been processed for the latent fingerprints of Mr. and Mrs. Alger Hiss.

I called Supervisor R. C. Feehan and he informed me that they could not tell the age of the typing. He referred me to the Laboratory report of 12-13-48 which was sent to the Attorney General concerning this matter. He also informed me that no attempt had been made to process the documents for latent fingerprints in view of the fact that a large number of people had handled them previously.

Mr. Belmont called me again at 11:15 p.m. I informed him of the above. While advising Mr. Belmont concerning this matter, I referred him to the fact that the Laboratory examination had revealed that Specimens Q3 and 5 contained watermarks. The watermark on Q3 was too fragmentary to identify, but the one on Q5 was identified as a watermark which has been used since at least March 1, 1929 on Government bond paper. He wanted to find out if it was still in use and if not when it was discontinued. He said that the Department attorneys were especially anxious to secure any information that could be secured which would contradict Hiss' testimony to the effect that someone got the Woodstock typewriter after he got rid of it and typed the 65 documents. He said that any additional specimens known to have been typed on this Woodstock while in Hiss' possession would be vital. In this connection, he said that the later the known specimens were dated the better they would be as it would show that Hiss was in possession of the typewriter at a later date. He said that any examination of these documents would have to be completed no later than 12-15-48 at the earliest possible time since if this Grand Jury is going to return an indictment they must do so on 12-15-48.

Mr. Belmont said that while the current Grand Jury may stay in session until 12-16-48 there is some question about its legality up to that time and if the indictment was returned on 12-16-48 it may not be legal; therefore, they are not taking any chances.

Mr. Belmont said that right now they are considering returning an indictment against Alger Hiss for perjury. They considered the obtaining of an indictment against Mrs. Hiss, but they felt they did not have sufficient evidence against her. He informed me there is no consideration being given to returning an indictment against Chambers now. He did say, however, that it is

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anticipated that the new Grand Jury will be called into session immediately and will vigorously press this case.

Mr. Belmont stated that additional consideration is being given to the returning of a presentment by this Grand Jury; however, he said that on a strictly confidential basis he learned that this is very much opposed by the Department of Justice representatives on the scene as they feel it would be fatal to the case, but that the Attorney General and Mr. Peyton Ford are very much in favor of it.

Mr. Belmont desired that you call him tomorrow morning as soon as possible and inform him of the status of the Laboratory examination of any additional specimens which are believed to have been typed on the Hiss Woodstock typewriter. He also wanted to have any outstanding leads to locate such specimens handled promptly in order to beat the deadline. In addition, he would like to have the results of the Laboratory examination of the microfilm as soon as possible. Further, he wants a copy of the Laboratory reports sent to the New York Office if possible.

You will recall that I advised you of the foregoing.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

DATE: December 15, 1948

Mr. Wheeler, Investigator for the HCUA, brought over at 6:13 PM, December 14, 1948, the fifth and final microfilm reel.

Mr. Fletcher accompanied Mr. Wheeler to the Laboratory where the reel was processed.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESP. R. T. J. DONEGAN
FURNISHED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT GJ ACTIVITIES INSTANT DATE. AT HIS
REQUEST ALGER HISS WAS HEARD IMMEDIATELY AFTER GJ RECONVENED THIS
AM AND INFORMED GJ HE AND HIS ATTORNEY HAD RETAINED AN EMINENT PSY-
CHIATRIST WHO HAD MADE EXHAUSTIVE STUDY OF ENTIRE HISS DASH CHAMBERS
MATTER AND HAD AN EXPLANATION FOR THE ACTIONS OF CHAMBERS WHICH HISS
DESIRED GJ TO HEAR FROM THE PSYCHIATRIST. DONEGAN THEN ASKED HISS IF
PSYCHIATRIST HAD EXAMINED CHAMBERS AND ANSWER WAS NO. DONEGAN THEN
ASKED IF PSYCHIATRIST HAD ANY EXPLANATION OF FACT THAT WOODSTOCK TYPE-
WRITER WROTE SIXTYFOUR OF DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY CHAMBERS AT PRESENT
TRIAL HEARING IN BALTIMORE AND WAS SAME MACHINE ON WHICH ALGER HISS
LETTERS OF JANUARY THIRTY, THIRTYTHREE AND SEPTEMBER NIN, THIRTYSIX,
WERE WRITTEN. HISS ANSWERED NO. GJ THEN DECIDED IT DID NOT CARE
TO HAVE PSYCHIATRIST APPEAR BEFORE IT. HISS WAS THEN ASKED AGAIN
IF HE HAD ANY EXPLANATION FOR COMMON IDENTITY OF DOCUMENTS AND TWO
ABOVE DESCRIBED LETTERS AND STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO HIS

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ANSWER YESTERDAY, WHICH WAS TO EFFECT THAT CHAMBERS MUST HAVE HAD ACCESS TO WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. THEN ADDED HE NOW RECALLS IN THIRTYSEVEN APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS WAS STOLEN FROM HIS HOME AND ON ANOTHER OCCASION IN THIRTYSEVEN A DIAMOND WRISTWATCH WAS STOLEN FROM HIS HOME. DONEGAN ASKED HIM IF ^{THEY} ~~EIGHTER~~ ALLEGED THEFT HAD BEEN REPORTED TO PD AND HE ANSWERED NO. DONEGAN THEN ASKED HIM IF ANY TYPEWRITERS HAD EVER BEEN STOLEN FROM HIS HOUSEHOLD AND HE SAID NO. THE NEXT WITNESS WAS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WHO TESTIFIED IN DETAIL REGARDING TRANSMISSION BY HISS TO HIM OF STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS ABSTRACTED BY HISS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT FILES. STATED IN MOST INSTANCES ALL HISS MATERIAL HE GAVE BYKOV WAS ON FILM AND THAT REASON HE STILL HAD POSSESSION IN NOVEMBER, FORTYEIGHT, OF SIXTYFIVE TYPED SHEETS AND THE SMALL HANDWRITTEN NOTES, BOTH HAVING BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY HISS, WAS THAT HE RECEIVED THEM FROM HISS AFTER HE HAD MADE UP HIS MIND TO LEAVE CP AND DISCONTINUE HIS ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. FURTHER THAT HE THOUGHT BY RETENTION OF THESE DOCUMENTS HE WOULD PROVE COMPLICITY OF BOTH HISS AND PARTY IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST US GOVERNMENT. A. GEORGE SILVERMAN WAS LAST WITNESS AND ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF HIS TESTIMONY NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, HE DID ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN

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RECEIPT BY HIM OF RUGS FROM CHAMBERS BY STATING HE PAID CHAMBERS FOR THEM AND GAVE ONE AS A GIFT TO HARRY DEXTER WHITE. AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTY PM TODAY GJ HANDED UP TRUE BILL TO USDJ CLANCY INDICTING ALGER HISS ON TWO COUNTS OF PERJURY BEFORE INSTANT GJ, SPECIFICALLY VIOLATIONS OF SECTION ONE SIX TWO ONE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC. NO PRESENTMENT RETURNED BY GJ WHICH WAS THEN DISCHARGED BY USDJ CLANCY. ASSISTANT AG ALEX CAMPBELL HAS ARRANGED WITH EDWARD MC LEWOFJ ATTORNEY ^{EA N} VFOR ALGER HISS, FOR LATTER TO SURRENDER HIMSELF DECEMBER SIXTEENTH PM. DETAILS ON PROSPECTIVE AGENDA FOR NEW GJ IN INSTANT MATTER NOT YET AVAILABLE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 15, 1948

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SAC, Washington Field

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 15, 1948.

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
Perjury
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated December 15, 1948

Examination requested: Document

Specimens

K44 Sheet of white paper bearing typewritten specimens taken from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial number W242908.

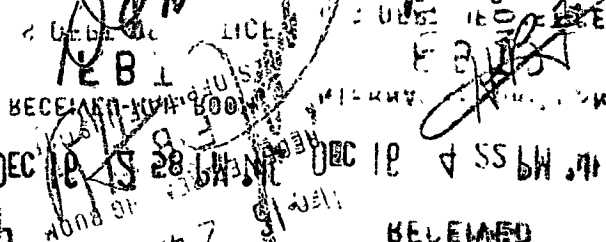
Deleted Copy sent William A. Reuben and Allen Weinstein by letters 7-8-74 and 7-24-74 respectively. RD/jdh

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the typewriting on K44 was done by a different machine than the one used to type Q6 through Q69.

The evidence is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Lab

DATE: December 15, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
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Transmitted herewith is a typewriting specimen taken from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial Number N242308, which typewriter is owned by the ~~Circle~~ Typewriter Company, 1112 - 14th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

This specimen is to be compared with known specimens of the Woodstock Typewriter involved in instant case, and the results furnished to the Washington Field Office.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 15, 1948

Re Washington Field letter dated December 15, 1948, to the Bureau, of which New York received a copy.

Enclosed herewith are photostatic copies of typewritten charts prepared by Mr. DONALD L. NICHOLSON, Chief, Division of Security, State Department. These charts show the Interdepartmental distribution of the documents furnished in referenced letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
 SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
 PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 15, 1948

Mr. DONALD L. NICHOLSON, Chief, Division of Security, State Department, made available to this office original State Department documents from which the paraphrasings or copies obtained from the Baltimore Division in this matter, were made. Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy and two copies are being forwarded to the New York Division, which are identifications of these State Department documents.

Mr. NICHOLSON advised that he is having photostatic copies of these documents prepared for the Attorney General in accordance with the Attorney General's request and that these documents will be made available to the Attorney General in the near future.

Mr. NICHOLSON also had prepared and has made available to this office, typewritten charts showing the Interdepartmental distribution of these documents. These typewritten charts are now being reproduced and will be forwarded as soon as completed.

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

16 10:30a

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REBULET DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST REQUESTING CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE PERSONNEL AND NAMES OF PERSONS DEPARTMENTALWISE WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH HISS, CHAMBERS, WADLEIGH, ETC., AT THEIR PAST PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT. REVIEW STATE DEPT. FILES INDICATES F. C. DARLINGTON, NOW WITH SOCONY OIL COMPANY, NYC, IN FARM EXCHANGE SECTION WAS SUPERVISOR OVER HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH IN THIRTYSEVEN AND THIRTYEIGHT WHILE BOTH IN DIVISION OF TRADE AGREEMENTS, STATE DEPT. WILLIAM A. FOWLER, FORMERLY ASSISTANT CHIEF TRADE AGREEMENTS DIVISION, THIRTYSEVEN AND SUPERVISOR OVER WADLEIGH THAT PERIOD, NOW WITH U.S. UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION, NUMBER TWO PARK AVENUE, NYC. SUGGEST INTERVIEW WITH ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IN LINE WITH BUREAU'S REFERENCED LETTER DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST.

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD 16 10:30a

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RESEARCH AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS REFLECTS PRISCILLA HISS AND ROBERTA FANSLER WERE CO AUTHORS OF BOOK ENTITLED QUOTE RESEARCH IN FINE ARTS IN THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE U.S. ENDQUOTE. ABOVE BOOK WAS PRODUCED FOR THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION, FIVE TWO TWO FIFTH AVENUE, NYC, IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR. ABOVE CORPORATION UNDERSTOOD TO BE SEPARATE FROM CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE OF WHICH ALGER HISS IS PRESIDENT. SUGGEST CARNEGIE CORPORATION BE CONTACTED FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM PRISCILLA OR ALGER HISS AND IF ANY FOUND THAT THEY BE SUBMITTED TO LAB FOR COMPARISON OF TYPEWRITING WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS IN THIS CASE.

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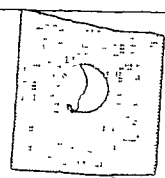
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9:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR DASH ATTENTION INSPECTOR HOWARD B. FLETCHER

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R

REBULET TO WFO DATED DECEMBER ONE LAST. MR. JACK D. NEAL, ASSOCIATE CHIEF,

SECURITY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THIS DATE FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC

COPIES OF REPORTS, MESSAGES AND CABLEGRAMS APPROXIMATING FIFTY PERCENT OF

THE MATERIAL HE AGREED TO FURNISH THIS OFFICE ON DECEMBER TWO LAST. THESE

REPORTS, MESSAGES AND CABLEGRAMS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPEAR TO BE OFFICIAL

STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS FROM WHICH THE MATERIAL OBTAINED BY THE BALITMORE

FIELD OFFICE HAD BEEN PARAPHRASED. MR. NEAL ADVISES THAT A DILIGENT, EXPEDITIOUS

SEARCH IS BEING CONTINUED IN ORDER THAT THE REMAINING DOCUMENTS MAY BE PROPERLY

IDENTIFIED AS YOU WERE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED ON DECEMBER TWO LAST, MR.

NEAL BELIEVES THAT ALL DOCUMENTS WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER

EIGHT NEXT, UNLESS UNFORSEEN DIFFICULTIES PRESENT THEMSELVES. THE INVESTIGATION

REQUESTED IN REFERENCED LETTER WILL BE COMPLETED WITH MR. NEAL'S COOPERATION BY

THAT DATE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE WFO
TEL DEC. TEN, LAST. CAPT. WALTER N. BURNETT, ADJUTANT, ROTC, JOHNS
HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTIMORE, MD., SAYS ROTC RECORDS DATING BACK TO
PERIOD OF HISS-S ACTIVITY, JHU, DESTROYED. REGISTRARS OFFICE, JHU,
WILL MAKE HISS HANDWRITING SPECIMEN AVAILABLE IN PHOTOSTATIC FORM AND
SAME WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU. NO TYPED MATERIAL ON FILE REGISTRAR,
JHU. CONTINUED EFFORT HERE TO OBTAIN TYPED MATERIAL.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. REBUTEL
DEC. SIXTEENTH, INSTANT. AMSD LETTER WITH COPY OF SIGNED STATEMENT
FROM INGRAM FORWARDED BUREAU DEC. FIFTEENTH, LAST, STATED INGRAM
EMPLOYED AT THE THOMPSON WYMAN COMPANY, MORRISTOWN, PA., DURING
PERTINENT PERIOD WHILE HE WAS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES AS ALLEGED BY
HIM. INGRAM ADVISED HE WAS RESIDING AT THE THOMPSON WYMAN COMPANY
WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AT THAT TIME. DESCRIPTION FROM OBSERVATION
AND INTERROGATION - RACE WHITE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF
INCHES. WEIGHT ONE THIRTYFIVE, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, VERY GRAY,
MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, OCCUPATION LABORER, STEAM SHOVEL OPERATOR,
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. TWO EIGHT THREE DASH TWELVE DASH THREE ONE
THREE SIX, EDUCATION EIGHTH GRADE, HABITS CONSTANT DRINKER OF WINE,
RELATIVES ROBERT B. INGRAM, BROTHER, SIX EIGHT TWO BARNETT STREET,
ATLANTA, GA., DIVORCED WIFE - LACY HEAD INGRAM, RFD, CARTERSVILLE,
GA. ASN THREE FIVE FOUR NAUGHT NAUGHT ONE THREE FIVE, SELECTIVE
SERVICE BOARD NO. NINE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO. INGRAM ADVISED ADDRESS
THROUGH WHICH COULD BE LOCATED - CARE FATHER, JAMES A. INGRAM, BOX
ONE FOUR NINE, CARTERSVILLE, GA. RUC.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC'S PHILADELPHIA
NEW YORK

14-1333-293
RAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. FOLLOWING
NEWSPAPER STORY SUBMITTED BY REPORTER OF ATLANTA (GEORGIA) CONSTITUTION,
DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST. QUOTE A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ~~HUSSELL INGRAM~~
OF CARTERSVILLE VISITED THE PRESS ROOM LAST NIGHT AFTER TALKING TO CITY DETECTIVES.
ACCORDING TO INGRAM CITY POLICE REFERRED HIM TO FBI WHOM HE CALLED FROM
THE PRESS ROOM AND RELATED THIS STORY DASH DASH I WAS SITTING IN MY ROOM
AT THE KIMBALL HOUSE EARLY TONIGHT, MONDAY, READING THE PAPER WHEN I SAW A FACE
I WILL NEVER FORGET. IT WAS THE PICTURE OF THE HISS BROTHERS AND I RECOGNIZED
ONE OF THEM AS BEING A MAN WHO PAID ME TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DELIVER SOME SEALED
PAPERS FROM ONE HOUSE TO ANOTHER HOUSE IN WASHINGTON IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT.
I DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE MAN'S NAME WAS NOR DID I KNOW WHAT WAS IN THE ENVELOPE.
I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE PAPERS WERE ABOUT. I WAS TOLD, HOWEVER, THE PAPERS
CONCERNED MARITAL TROUBLES ONE OF THE MEN WERE HAVING. THE MAN WHO I TODAY
RECOGNIZED AND WHO WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE PAPER AS HISS DID NOT ACTUALLY GIVE
ME THE MONEY BUT HE WAS WITH A SMALL MAN WHO DID PAY ME. AFTER DELIVERING THE
PAPERS I WAS DETAINED IN THE SECOND HOUSE FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS DURING WHICH
TIME I WAS QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY AS TO WHETHER I KNEW THE MAN FROM WHOM I
ORIGINALLY RECEIVED THE PAPERS. I WAS SLAPPED ACROSS THE FACE SEVERAL TIMES
DURING THE PERIOD OF MY DETENTION. LATER I WAS ACCOSTED ON THE STREET BY THE

SAME MAN, HISS, WHO PAID ME THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DELIVER ANOTHER SEALED
ENVELOPE TO AN ADDRESS ON TWENTYFIFTH STREET IN NEW YORK. I MADE A SECOND TRIP
TO NEW YORK LATER. I HAD NOT RECALLED THE INCIDENT AT ANY TIME UNTIL TODAY WHEN
I SAW THE PICTURE IN THE PAPER. THERE IS NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, HE IS THE SAME MAN
DASH DASH INGRAM TOLD ME THE SAME STORY HE HAD TOLD THE FBI A FEW MOMENTS EARLIER.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message case, TOLD THE MAN THEY WOULD MEET HIM AT HIS HOTEL AT NINE AM TODAY, TUESDAY. INGRAM SAID HE HAD BEEN DRINKING BUT I COULD NOT TELL IT AND WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN HAD HE NOT TOLD ME. THIS MAY BE A PIPE DREAM BUT THEN IT MAY BE A GOOD STORY. SUGGEST HAVE SOMEONE CHECK FBI TODAY, CONFRONT THEM WITH THE INFORMATION AND SEE WHAT THEY SAY. IT COULD BE A KEY TO THE CURRENT SPY PROBE UNDER WAY IN WASHINGTON. UNQUOTE ATLANTA OFFICE ADVISED MAN WHO REFUSED TO GIVE INFORMATION OVER PHONE USING LAST NAME OF INGRAM CALLED ATLANTA OFFICE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FIFTEEN PM DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, REFUSED TO DIVULGE INFORMATION OVER TELEPHONE, HAS NOT CONTACTED ATLANTA OFFICE. SERGEANT I. A. THOMAS, NA, ON DUTY AT ATLANTA PD, DETECTIVE BUREAU, NIGHT OF DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, HAS NO RECORD RE COMPLAINT. CLARK HOWELL, JR., REPORTER FOR ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, WHO BROUGHT INFORMATION TO ATTENTION ATLANTA OFFICE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT INCIDENT WAS ATTEMPT TO GAIN PUBLICITY AND THAT NEWSPAPER WAS NOT PLANNING TO PRINT STORY. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE KIMBALL HOUSE WAS A THIRD RATE INEXPENSIVE HOTEL. HORACE INGRAM INTERVIEWED BY ATLANTA OFFICE, NIGHT DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST, AND IN A SIGNED STATEMENT ADVISED THAT IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN OR THIRTYEIGHT, EXACT DAY AND MONTH UNKNOWN, HE WAS APPROACHED BY TWO MEN ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C. ONE OF THE MEN GAVE HIM TWENTY DOLLARS TO DELIVER TWO LETTERS IN BROWN MANILA ENVELOPES ABOUT TWELVE BY TWELVE TO ADDRESS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. THAT SAME DAY. ALSO ON SAME DAY MAN GAVE HIM TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DELIVER THE SAME TYPE OF SEALED BROWN MANILA ENVELOPE TO AN ADDRESS IN NEW YORK CITY. SAID HE DELIVERED ALL THREE ENVELOPES AND THAT WHEN HE DELIVERED THE ENVELOPE IN NEW YORK CITY, THE NIGHT OF THE SAME DAY, HE DELIVERED IT TO THE OTHER MAN WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME HE WAS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE LETTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. HE STATED HE RECEIVED NO OTHER MONEY FROM ANYONE AND HAD DELIVERED NO OTHER LETTERS FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN THESE TWO

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS, THAT HE ONLY MADE ONE TRIP TO NEW YORK, AND ONLY DELIVERED

Transmit the following message to:

A TOTAL OF THREE LETTERS, TWO IN WASHINGTON AND ONE IN NEW YORK. ADVISED HE RECOGNIZED THE PICTURE IN A NEWSPAPER OF THE MAN WHO ASKED HIM TO DELIVER THESE LETTERS AS ALGER HISS. INGRAM DENIED GIVING INSTANT STORY OR TELLING ANYONE ABOUT THIS SINCE THE DAY IT HAPPENED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AGENT WHO INTERVIEWED HIM. INGRAM UNABLE TO SUPPLY NAMES OF ANYONE WHO CAN CORROBORATE INSTANT STORY. ADVISED HE HAD BEEN DRUNK FOR A WEEK AND WAS OBSERVED DRINKING BEFORE INTERVIEW. ADMITS BEING ARRESTED NUMEROUS TIMES ON INTOXICATION CHARGES BUT FOR NO OTHER OFFENSES. INGRAM ADVISED EMPLOYED AT THOMPSON WYMAN COMPANY, NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, DURING PERIOD ALLEGED HE WAS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES AS SET OUT ABOVE. ADVISED RESIDING AT THE THOMPSON WYMAN COMPANY WHERE EMPLOYED AT THAT TIME. DESCRIBED, RACE, WHITE; HEIGHT, FIVE FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES; WEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE POUNDS; EYES, BLUE; HAIR, BROWN; MARITAL STATUS, DIVORCED; OCCUPATION, LABORER, STEAM SHOVEL OPERATOR; SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, TWO EIGHT THREE DASH TWELVE DASH THREE ONE THREE SIX; EDUCATION, EIGHTH GRADE; HABITS, CONSTANT DRINKER OF WINE; RELATIVES, ROBERT B. INGRAM, BROTHER, SIX EIGHT TWO BARNETT STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, DIVORCED WIFE, LACY HEAD INGRAM, RED CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA; ASN THREE FIVE FOUR NAUGHT NAUGHT ONE THREE FIVE; SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD NUMBER NINE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO. ADVISED ADDRESS THROUGH WHICH COULD BE LOCATED, IN CARE OF FATHER, JAMES A. INGRAM, BOX ONE FOUR NINE, CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA. PHILADELPHIA SHOULD VERIFY INGRAM'S EMPLOYMENT AND RESIDENCE AT THOMPSON

WYMAN COMPANY, NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AND DETERMINE REPUTATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM WHILE EMPLOYED THERE DURING NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN DASH THIRTYEIGHT. ALSO DETERMINE IF INGRAM WAS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK DURING THIS PERIOD. SUTEL BUREAU AND NEW YORK ORIGIN.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE P. FOR ASSISTANCE OF NY OFFICE IN THEIR INTERVIEW WITH FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, INFO HIS PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT DATED NOV. FIFTEEN, LAST, IS SET OUT ADDRESS, FOUR FOUR TWO EIGHT SOUTH BANNOCK ST., ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO. EMPLOYMENT, NINETEEN TWENTYFOUR TO TWENTYSEVEN, BICE JOHNSON, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO, SELLING MAGAZINES, PART TIME, SEPT. TWENTYNINE TO JUNE THIRTY, W. CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT, SCHOOL BOARD, MILDRED, COLORADO, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, JUNE THIRTYTWO TO SEPT. THIRTYTWO, F. A. RENO, FATHER, WINSER, IDAHO, WORKED ON RANCH, SEPT. THIRTYTWO TO JULY THIRTYFIVE, PROF. A. N. VYSSOKSKAY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, LEANDER MC CORMICK OBSERVATORY, UNIVERSITY, VA., ASSISTANT IN ASTRONOMY, AUG. THIRTYFIVE TO THIRTYSIX, W. HUDSON, NATIONAL OFFICE, WPA, WASH. AUDITORIUM, D. C., E. MILLISON AND S. CHIC. OFFICES, ASSTS. IN STATISTICS, JUNE THIRTYSEVEN TO DATE, BALLISTIC RESEARCH LABORATORIES, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD., MATHEMATICIAN, P DASH ONE TO P DASH FOUR. EDUCATION, WEISER, IDAHO, GRAMMAR, GRAND JUNCTION, COLO., GRAMMAR, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN TO TWENTYTWO, UNIVERSITY HILL GRADE, BOULDER, COLO., LOWELL GRADE, FT. COLLIN, COLO., TWENTYTWO TO TWENTYTHREE, FT. COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL, FT. COLLINS, COLO., TWENTYTHREE TO TWENTYFOUR, COLORADO STATE COLLEGE, FORT COLLINS, COLO., COLLEGE, TWENTYEIGHT TO TWENTYNINE, UNIV. OF COLO. BOULDER, COLO., UNIV., THIRTY TO THIRTYTWO, RECEIVED

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CREDIT REFERENCES - PROF. E. J. MC SHANE, DEPT. OF MAT., UNIV. OF VA., UNIVERSITY, VA. PROF. JOHN L. KELLEY, DEPT. OF MATH., UNIV. OF CAL., BERKELEY, CALIF. PROF. JOHN W. GREEN, DEPT. OF MATH., UNIV. OF CAL., LOS ANGELES, CAL.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI -- Attention: FBI Laboratory

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 1948

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, wa
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - RSpecial Delivery *mf*

There are enclosed herewith two carbon copies of letters received from HARRY L. MARTIN, former partner of THOMAS FANSLER, deceased brother-in-law of ALGER HISS. One letter is dated January 14, 1929 and addressed to Mr. R. E. PERRY, Assistant Secretary. The second letter is dated February 19, 1930 and addressed to Mr. FRANK E. BARGER, care of General Baking Company. This letter is apparently incomplete. However, the remaining portion of the letter has not been located by Mr. MARTIN.

It is possible that these letters, particularly the one dated February 19, 1930, were prepared on the Woodstock typewriter then owned by the FANSLER-MARTIN partnership.

It is requested that a comparison be made of the questioned specimens submitted herewith with the known specimens presently in the Laboratory's possession, which specimens were originally furnished by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and alleged to have been received by him from ALGER HISS.

Reference is made to Milwaukee letter dated December 7th, captioned as above.

Subsequent investigation at Philadelphia has reflected that letters dated July 23, 1927 and November 4, 1927 were probably prepared on the Royal typewriter which was then the only typewriter in the possession of FANSLER-MARTIN partnership. The Woodstock typewriter in question was obtained by the partnership at a later date, probably sometime in 1929, at which time the Royal typewriter on which the referenced letters may have been typed was disposed of.

Reference is made to the original letter dated August 4, 1927 received from Milwaukee, wherein the initials HLM:AS appear. Mr. MARTIN has advised that this letter was probably dictated at the General Agency Office of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company at Philadelphia, since he had access to two stenographers at the General Agency Office. It would appear, therefore, that the letter dated August 4, 1927 could not have been prepared on the Woodstock typewriter subsequently owned by the aforementioned partnership inasmuch as that partnership, which was a special agency for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, never had a stenographer whose initials were AS.

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The questioned specimens submitted herewith need not be returned to the Philadelphia Office.

An attempt will be made to locate additional specimens for further comparison.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 13, 1948

Stg., Philadelphia

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on December 10, 1948.

MR. DAVID WHITEHEAD CHAMBERS, with alias
FUGITIVE; ESPIONAGE - R

Examination requested Philadelphia

Reference: Letter dated December 9, 1948

Examination requested Document

Specimens

- K20 Typewritten letter dated January 14, 1939, to Mr. R. L. Perry,
beginning: "Dear Sir: Referring to your ...".
K21 Typewritten letter dated February 19, 1930, to Mr. Frank T.
Barger, beginning: "My dear Mr. Barger: It was your desire ...".

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

A definite conclusion could not be reached in a comparison
of the typewriting appearing on specimen K21 with the typewriting ap-
pearing on specimens Q66 through Q69 due to the photostats Q66
through Q69 not being sufficiently clear and to the fact that K21 is
a carbon copy of an original specimen.

It was concluded that the typewriting on K20 was not typed
by any one of the machines which was used to type Q67 through Q131, Q65
evidence previously submitted.

It was concluded that the machine which typed K20 was not
used to type any of the specimens Q66 through Q69, Q74 through Q131.

The original K20 and K21 are retained in the Bureau's files.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: 12-14-48

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SAC, ATLANTA

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REURTEL TODAY
RE ALGER HISS, WITNESS, HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HEARINGS,
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION. BUREAU DESIRES THAT YOU CONTACT RUSSELL
INGRAM IMMEDIATELY AT THE KIMBALL HOUSE AND INTERVIEW HIM THOROUGHLY
CONCERNING THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TEL. IN INTERVIEWING
INGRAM YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO SECURE FROM HIM THE IDENTITY OF OTHER
INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN CORROBORATE HIS STORY AND AT THE SAME TIME ASCERTAIN
FROM HIM WHERE HE CAN BE LOCATED IN THE EVENT IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTACT
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DIRECTOR, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases;
ALGER HISS;
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 15, 1948, concerning the results of the FBI Laboratory examination of the film made available to the Bureau by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

On December 16, 1948, Mr. Keith Lewis, Washington representative of the Eastman Kodak Company, was contacted for the purpose of determining the approximate age of the film referred to in referenced memorandum as Film C, Grand Jury Exhibit 48. This film was one that allegedly was exposed and developed some years ago and contained 22 exposures.

Mr. Lewis advised that he had been called before the House Un-American Activities Committee on December 6, 1948, at which time he contacted his Rochester office and was advised that the film was made in 1946; however, this was later corrected by the Rochester office to be 1937. Mr. Lewis advised that the original date of 1946 was simply an error and that the film had positively been identified as having been manufactured by the Eastman Kodak Company in 1937. He further stated that the film was believed to be Kodak microfilm but there was no way of definitely ascertaining this.

One of the rolls of film was identified as having been manufactured by the Dupont Company and the Baltimore Office of this Bureau, utilizing the available identifying data on the film, determined from the Dupont Company that the particular roll of film was manufactured either in December, 1936, or in June, 1944. It was stated that a positive determination of the date could not be made without an examination of the negative itself. The correct person to contact to determine the exact age of this particular roll of film is Mr. A. H. Burkhardt of the Parlin Plant, Photo Products Department, Dupont Company, Parlin, New Jersey.

All of the film rolls are in the possession of the House Un-American Activities Committee and, as noted above, it is not possible at this time to produce a competent witness to testify as to the date that the particular rolls of film were manufactured. To accomplish this it is necessary to take the film to the Dupont Company Plant at Parlin, New Jersey, and to the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York. In accordance with your instruction, contact has been made with the House Un-American Activities Committee to obtain possession of this film for the purpose of having it examined by the Dupont Company and the Eastman Kodak Company so that the identity and competency of the witnesses to establish the date of manufacture can be obtained.

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Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell, Criminal Division

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo *RT*

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo *JAS*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 16, 1948

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In accordance with your instructions, Mr. Lyndal Shaneyfelt, Laboratory Photographer, contacted Mr. Keith Lewis, Washington representative of the Eastman Kodak Company on December 16, 1948 for the purpose of determining the approximate age of the microfilm referred to in my memorandum to you dated December 14, 1948 as film C, Grand Jury exhibit 48. Film C was a film allegedly exposed and developed some years ago and contained 22 exposures.

Mr. Lewis advised that he had been called before the House Un-American Activities Committee on December 6, 1948 at which time he contacted his Rochester Office and was advised at first that the film was made in 1946, but this was later corrected by their office to be 1937. Mr. Lewis stated that the original date of 1946 was simply an error and that the film had positively been identified as having been manufactured by the Eastman Kodak Company in 1937. He further stated that the film was believed to be Kodak microfilm but there was no way of definitely ascertaining this.

RECOMMENDATION: That the information in this memorandum be made available to Mr. Fletcher of the ~~Security~~ Security Investigative Division.

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SAC, Washington

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-88855 BU dated December 15, 1948, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Specimen K42

Very truly yours,

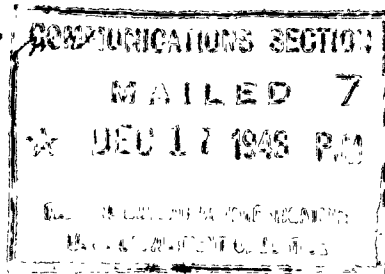
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, Baltimore

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-88853 BU dated December 15, 1948, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Specimen K41

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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SAC, New York

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report dated 12/20/48, in connection with the above D-89001 and D-89002 BU entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are transmitted herewith the following:

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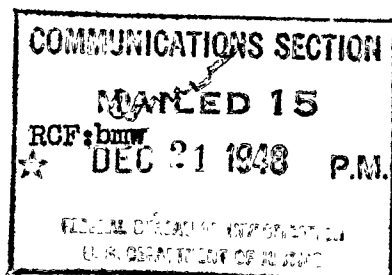
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 20, 1948

THE DIRECTOR, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

The following is being furnished for your information.

On December 14, 1948, a reporter for the "Atlanta Constitution" newspaper, Atlanta, Georgia, submitted to his paper the following story. The story was allegedly obtained by this reporter from one Russell Ingram of Cartersville, Georgia when Ingram visited the press room of the "Atlanta Constitution" on December 13, 1948, after he had allegedly furnished a similar story to the Atlanta Police Department.

"I was sitting in my room at the Kimball House early today (December 13, 1948) reading the paper when I saw a face that I will never forget. It was a picture of the Hiss brothers and I recognized one of them as being a man who paid me \$200 to deliver some sealed papers from one house to another in Washington in 1938. I did not know what the man's name was, nor did I know what was in the envelope at that time. I still do not know what the papers were about. I thought, however, that the papers concerned the marital troubles that one of these men was having. The man whom I recognized today and who was identified in the paper as Hiss did not actually give me the money but he was with a small man who did pay me. After delivering the papers I was detained in the second house for more than three hours during which time I was questioned extensively as to whether I knew the man from whom I originally received the papers. I was slapped across the face several times during the period of my detention. Later I was accosted on the street by the same man, Hiss, who paid me \$300 to deliver another sealed envelope to an address on 25th Street in New York. I made a second trip to New York later. I had not recalled this incident at any time until today when I saw the picture in the paper. There is no doubt, however, that he is the same man."

At the time the "Atlanta Constitution" reporter submitted this story he also advised that Ingram had told this story to the FBI a few moments earlier and that the FBI had shown an interest in the case and had told Ingram that they would meet him at his hotel at 9:00 AM on December 14, 1948. A representative of the "Atlanta Constitution" who brought the above information to the attention of the Atlanta Office of this Bureau expressed the opinion that the above incident was an attempt to gain publicity and that the newspaper was not planning a story on the information at that time.

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Horace A. Ingram, of Cartersville, Georgia, who was determined to be identical to the above Russell Ingram, was interviewed at the Kimball Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia on December 14, 1948 by the Atlanta Office of this Bureau. Ingram stated that in 1937 or 1938, exact day and month unknown, he was approached by two men on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C. One of the men gave him \$20 to deliver two letters in brown manila envelopes in Washington, D. C. that same day. He advised that on the same day these two individuals gave him \$200 to deliver the same type of sealed, brown manila envelope to an address in New York City. Ingram stated that he delivered all three envelopes and that when he delivered the envelope in New York City on the night of the same day, he delivered it to one of the men who was present at the time he was requested to deliver the letters in Washington, D. C.

Ingram stated that he received no other money from anyone and had delivered no other letters for anyone other than these two unknown individuals. He advised that he made only one trip to New York and delivered a total of only three letters, two in Washington, D. C. and one in New York City. Ingram stated further that he recognized the picture in a newspaper as being that of the man who asked him to deliver these letters and who was identified in the newspaper as Alger Hiss.

At the time of this interview Ingram denied telling anyone about this story since the day it happened, with the exception of the Agent who interviewed him on December 15, 1948. Ingram was unable to supply the names of anyone who could corroborate his story. Ingram informed the interviewing Agent that he had been intoxicated for a week and was observed by this Agent drinking before the interview. Ingram admitted being arrested numerous times for intoxication, but for no other offenses.

This matter is being followed and you will be informed of future developments.

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cc: Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Milwaukee

December 13, 1948

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on December 12, 1948.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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74-1333
FBI FILE NO.
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Examination requested by Milwaukee

Reference Letter dated December 10, 1948

Examination requested Document

Specimens:

- K28 A letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated August 19, 1929 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. E. D. Jones, Secretary, signed H. L. MARTIN. (Your K9)
- K29 A typewritten document on plain white paper, dated August 29, 1929 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, signed THOMAS L. FANSLER, witnessed by HARRY L. MARTIN. (Your K10)
- K30 A letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated August 30, 1929 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. H. R. Zicker, Assistant Secretary, signed H. L. MARTIN. (Your K11)
- K31 A letter typewritten on a sheet of plain white paper, dated at Washington, D. C. June 8, 1940, to Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, signed PRISCILLA NISS. (Your K12)

Deleted copy sent William C. Rauten and Allen Weinstein by letters 7-8-74 and 7-24-74 respectively. RD/jah

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the machine which typed K31 was not used to type any of the questioned evidence which has been received in connection with this case.

It was concluded that the typewriting specimens K28 through K30 were not typed on the machines which typed specimens Q5, Qc74 through Qc131. Although a definite conclusion could not be reached as to whether K28 through K30 were typed on the machine which typed Q6 through Q68 and Q69 due to the years intervening between the questioned and known typewritings there were typewriting characteristics noted in the known specimens that are not in common with certain typewriting characteristics appearing in the questioned specimens.

Specimens K28 through K31 are returned to the Milwaukee Office herewith, photographic copies having been retained in the Bureau's Files.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attention: FBI Laboratory

DATE: December 10, 1948

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee

D 88677

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Re Philadelphia teletype to Milwaukee and Cleveland dated December 10, 1948, 1:12 p.m., and letters from Milwaukee to the FBI Laboratory and the Director dated December 10, 1948.

Subsequent to the preparation of referenced letters, Mr. R. E. PERRY, Secretary, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, received a letter from Mr. HARRY L. MARTIN of Philadelphia suggesting further sources of typewriter specimens in this matter. As a result thereof, the following specimens have been obtained from Mr. JOSEPH T. GALLAGHER, Superintendent of Claims, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, from the claims file of THOMAS L. FANSLER, Policy Numbers 982450-451. They are:

K28
K-9 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER and MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated August 19, 1929, at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. E. D. JONES, Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This concerns, "THOMAS L. FANSLER, #982450-451".

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K-10- A typewritten document on plain paper dated August 29, 1929, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and signed by THOMAS L. FANSLER, with HARRY L. MARTIN and ANNE C. COYLE. This document is a change of beneficiary and option settlement under FANSLER's personal policy.

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K-11- A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER and MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated August 30, 1929, at Philadelphia, addressed to Mr. H. R. RICKER, Assistant Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This letter concerns "THOMAS L. FANSLER, #982450-451".

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Letter for the Director

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K-12 - A typewritten letter on plain paper dated June 8, 1940, at Washington, D. C., addressed to Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and signed PRISCILLA HISS. It will be noted that this letter was found in the claims file of THOMAS L. FANSLER and is included herewith as it may have been typed on the typewriter in question while it was in the possession of ALGER HISS and his wife PRISCILLA.

The Laboratory is requested to conduct examinations in an effort to identify the Woodstock typewriter in question in accordance with previous instructions in this case.

When enclosed letters have served their purpose in this investigation, they should be returned to the Milwaukee Office in order that they may be returned to Mr. GALLAGHER. He has made photostatic copies for his file and there is no urgency regarding their return.

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Re Philadelphia teletype to Milwaukee and Cleveland dated December 10, 1948, 1:12 p.m., and letters from Milwaukee to the FBI Laboratory and the Director dated December 10, 1948.

Subsequent to the preparation of referenced letters, Mr. R. E. PERRY, Secretary, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, received a letter from Mr. HARRY L. MARTIN of Philadelphia suggesting further sources of typewriter specimens in this matter. As a result thereof, the following specimens have been obtained from Mr. JOSEPH T. GALLAGHER, Superintendent of Claims, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, from the claims file of THOMAS L. FANSLER, Policy Numbers 982450-451. They are:

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- K-9 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER and MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated August 19, 1929, at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. E. D. JONES, Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This concerns, "THOMAS L. FANSLER, #982450-451".
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- K-11- A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER and MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated August 30, 1929, at Philadelphia, addressed to Mr. H. R. RICKER, Assistant Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This letter concerns "THOMAS L. FANSLER, #982450-451".

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Letter for the Director

December 10, 1948

K-12 - A typewritten letter on plain paper dated June 8, 1940, at Washington, D. C., addressed to Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and signed PRISCILLA HISS. It will be noted that this letter was found in the claims file of THOMAS L. KANSLER and is included herewith as it may have been typed on the typewriter in question while it was in the possession of ALGER HISS and his wife PRISCILLA.

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The Laboratory is requested to conduct examinations in an effort to identify the Woodstock typewriter in question in accordance with previous instructions in this case.

When enclosed letters have served their purpose in this investigation, they should be returned to the Milwaukee Office in order that they may be returned to Mr. GALLAGHER. He has made photostatic copies for his file and there is no urgency regarding their return.

Enclosure (Registered)

cc: Philadelphia
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December 20, 1948

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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An article dated Washington, D. C. appeared in the December 17th, last, issue of the New York Journal American stating that John Foster Dulles had received a letter dated December 23, 1946 concerning Alger Hiss. According to this newspaper article, the letter was sent by Larry S. Davidow, a Detroit lawyer. Davidow protested the appointment of Hiss for the position with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on the basis that Davidow possessed information that Hiss has a provable Communist record and that three Washington friends of Davidow would gladly disclose this information to Dulles. The article also stated that on December 26, 1946 by letter Dulles declined Davidow's offer.

Larry S. Davidow was interviewed by Special Agents of the Detroit Office on December 18th, last at which time he advised that he met Dulles in 1943 which fact he later mentioned to Ben Mandel, Chief Investigator, House Committee on Un-American Activities. In November, 1946 Mandel wrote Davidow that Alger Hiss was being considered by Dulles for the position of President for the Carnegie Foundation and that he knew people in Washington who could establish Hiss as a Communist. Mandel never revealed the identity of these people.

In December, 1946, Davidow states that he wrote Mr. Dulles that Hiss could be established as a Communist on this. Dulles replied in the same month that he knew Hiss personally and could vouch for his patriotism. Davidow informed that he had furnished Dulles' correspondence to Fulton Lewis, Jr. who used it in a broadcast last week.

Davidow feels that Isaac Don Levine, Editor of "Plain Talk", New York City and Ben Stolberg, author, New York City, might know people who can establish Hiss' Communist connection.

Arrangements are being made at this time to interview Levine and Stolberg and Ben Mandel for any information they may possess in this regard. They will be interviewed as soon as possible.

CC - Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell

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RENY JOURNAL AMERICAN ARTICLE DATE LINED WASHINGTON, D.C., TWELVE SEVEN-
TEEN LAST, WHEREIN REPORTED JOHN FOSTER DULLES RECEIVED LETTER DATED
DEC. TWENTY THIRD, FORTY SIX RE ALGER HISS, AND SENT BY LARRY S.
DAVIDOW, A DETROIT LAWYER, PROTESTING APPOINTMENT OF HISS FOR A POSIT-
ION WITH CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE ON BASIS THAT
DAVIDOW POSSESSED INFO THAT HISS HAS PROVABLE COMMUNIST RECORD, AND THAT
THREE WASHINGTON FRIENDS OF DAVIDOW WOULD GLADLY DISCLOSE THIS INFO
TO DULLES. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES ON DEC. TWENTY SIX, FORTY SIX, BY
LETTER, DULLER IN REPLY DECLINED THIS OFFER. NY INDICES REFLECT IN
REPORT OF SA DENNIS A. A FLYNN IN CASE GENERAL ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES
IN DETRIT, ESPIONAGE DATED DETROIT MAY TWENTY FOUR, FORTY, THAT NAME
OF LARRY S. DAVIDOW AND DAVIDOW, THREE TWO ONE ZERO BOOK
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Handwritten notes and signatures in the top right corner, including a large 'X' and a signature that appears to be 'J. Edgar Hoover'.

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TOWER BUILDING, DETROIT, HOME ADDRESS FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT SENECA STREET, DETROIT IS LISTED AS COMMUNIST AND ATTORNEY FOR COMMUNISTS, DIES REPORTS VOL. TWO, PAGE ONE THREE FOUR FOUR. BUREAU REQUESTED CHECK INDICES ON LARRY S. DAVIDOW AND FURNISH INFO TO DETROIT, AND ADVISE THAT OFFICE IF DAVIDOW SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

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THE DIRECTOR, FBI

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You will recall that Whittaker Chambers has stated that Franklin Victor Reno, known to him as Vincent Reno, furnished him information which he had obtained from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Franklin Victor Reno has admitted in a signed statement that he furnished Whittaker Chambers, whom he knew as "Carl" with restricted information which he obtained from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland, in the latter part of 1937 and early 1938.

On December 15, 1948, Reno was interviewed in the presence of his brother, Philip Reno, in New York City. He stated that during his employment at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, he commenced writing a book, tentatively entitled, "Exterior Ballistics Up To 1945" in collaboration with Professor Edward J. McShane, now stationed at the University of Virginia, and John L. Kelley, now at the University of Colorado.

Reno advised that he met Kelley in the summer or fall of 1942, when the latter commenced research at Aberdeen, and worked with him and McShane, whom he also met in 1942 at Aberdeen, on ballistics in the same office at the proving grounds. Kelley ceased his employment at Aberdeen in November 1945, and since that time Reno has been corresponding with Kelley and McShane for the purpose of completing the book. Reno admitted that from time to time he forwarded restricted material obtained from the Aberdeen Research Laboratory Library to McShane and Kelley in order that they might complete various phases of their mathematical calculations and other material for the book. The manuscript for the book was submitted to Reno's supervisor, R. P. H. Kent, for clearance purposes in order that the matter appearing therein might be censored prior to eventual publication. Reno said he is working at the present time on an introduction for the book which deals in general with the science of motion of projectiles.

Reno admitted that from time to time he charged out various restricted material for research purposes during his employment at Aberdeen. He further admitted that some may not have been charged out in the usual manner. Reno denied, however, that he had ever forwarded any restricted, secret or confidential material

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to any private, unauthorized person for subversive or ulterior reasons.

Reno recalled that he maintained voluminous notes and research books among his personal effects at his Aberdeen office, as well as at his address which was, Care of Mr. F. J. Eaton, Baldwin Manor, Aberdeen, Maryland. He believes that a quantity of this was procured from the Research Ballistics Laboratory, at Aberdeen, Maryland. Most of the material pertained to ballistics and his own notes and studies of various projects worked on by him at the Laboratory.

Reno recalled that after his discharge from the University Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, on or about July 3, 1948, he went to his former dormitory room at Aberdeen and procured his clothes, together with two books, one entitled, "Mathematics of Exterior Ballistics" by G. A. Diles, and the other entitled, "Table of Intervals", a book on applied mathematics, neither of which were obtained from the Aberdeen Laboratory. He admitted that this was the only data he took prior to his departure for his residence in Denver, Colorado.

Reno likewise recalled that among his books and papers were various photostats entitled, "Mathematical Theory of Air Combat" by L. B. G. Cunningham. He advised he was interested in the study of air combat and for this reason had the material in his possession, having procured same from the Research Laboratory. He advised it was a common practice for persons at the Research Laboratory to retain possession of books and documents from the library without following the usual charge out practices. He further reiterated that he has never engaged in espionage activity since discontinuing his connections with Whittaker Chambers in 1937 or 1938.

Philip Reno corroborated his brother's statement that their only visit to Aberdeen was in July 1948 at which time his brother took his clothes, several suitcases and the documentary material mentioned above.

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At the request of Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. Donagan, efforts are being made to locate and interview Edward J. McChane and John L. Kelley for any knowledge they may have of Kimo's espionage activities.

You will be kept informed of any pertinent developments in connection with this matter.

cc Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESP. R. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO HAS ADMITTED IN SIGNED STATEMENT THAT HE FURNISHED WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WHOM HE KNEW AS CARL, WITH RESTRICTED INFO WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, ABERDEEN, MARYLAND, IN LATER THIRTY SEVEN AND EARLY THIRTY EIGHT. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO AND PHILIP RENO BOTH APPEARED BEFORE GJ IN NYC AND ARE PRESENTLY IN NYC UNDER SUBPOENA. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY IN PRESENCE OF BROTHER PHILIP RENO AT THE HOTEL COMMODORE, NYC. RENO DURING EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, ABERDEEN, MD., COMMENCED WRITING A BOOK TENTATIVELY ENTITLED "EXTERIOR BALLISTICS UP TO NINETEEN FORTY FIVE" IN COLLABORATION WITH PROFESSOR EDWARD J. MC SHANE, NOW STATIONED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, AND JOHN L. KELLEY, NOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. RENO MET KELLEY IN SUMMER OR FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO WHEN LATTER COMMENCED RESEARCH AT ABERDEEN.

RENO LIKEWISE MET MC SHANE IN NINETEEN FORTY TWO AT ABERDEEN AND WORKED WITH HIM AND KELLEY ON BALLISTICS IN SAME OFFICE AT PROVING

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GROUNDS. KELLEY CEASED EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN, NOVEMBER, NINETEEN
 FORTY FIVE, AND SINCE THAT TIME RENO HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH
 KELLEY AND MC SHANE FOR PURPOSE OF COMPLETING BOOK.....~~HE~~. ADMITS.....
 THAT FROM TIME TO TIME HE FORWARDED RESTRICTED MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM
 ABERDEEN RESEARCH LABORATORY LIBRARY TO MC SHANE AND KELLEY IN ORDER
 THAT THEY MIGHT COMPLETE VARIOUS PHASES OF THEIR MATHEMATICAL CAL-
 CULATIONS AND OTHER MATERIAL FOR THE BOOK. THE MANUSCRIPT FOR THE
 BOOK WAS SUBMITTED TO RENO-S SUPERVISOR, R. P. H. KENT, FOR CLEARANCE
 PURPOSES IN ORDER THAT THE MATTER APPEARING THEREIN MIGHT BE CENSORED
 PRIOR TO EVENTUAL PUBLICATION. RENO IS WORKING AT THE PRESENT TIME
 ON AN INTRODUCTION FOR THE BOOK WHICH DEALS IN GENERAL WITH THE
 SCIENCE OF MOTION OF PROJECTILES. RENO ADMITS THAT FROM TIME TO TIME
HE CHARGED OUT VARIOUS RESTRICTED MATERIAL FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES DUR-
ING HIS EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN. HE FURTHER ADMITS THAT SOME MAY NOT
HAVE BEEN CHARGED OUT IN THE USUAL MANNER. HE DENIES, HOWEVER, THAT
 HE EVER FORWARDED ANY RESTRICTED SECRET OR CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
 TO ANY PRIVATE, UNAUTHORIZED PERSON FOR SUBVERSIVE OR ULTERIOR
 REASONS. RENO RECALLED THAT HE MAINTAINED VOLUMINOUS NOTES AND RE-
 SEARCH BOOKS AMONG PERSONAL EFFECTS AT ABERDEEN OFFICE AS WELL AS
 CARE OF MR. E. J. EATON, BALDWIN MANOR, ABERDEEN, MD. HE BELIEVES
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THAT A QUANTITY OF THIS WAS PROCURED FROM THE RESEARCH BALLISTICS LABORATORY, ABERDEEN, MD. MOST OF THE MATERIAL PERTAINING TO BALLISTICS AND HIS OWN NOTES AND STUDIES OF VARIOUS PROJECTS WORKED ON HIM AT THE LABORATORY. RENO RECALLED THAT AFTER HIS DISCHARGE FROM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, BALTIMORE, MD., ON OR ABOUT JULY THIRD, FORTY EIGHT, HE WENT TO HIS FORMER DORMATORY ROOM AT ABERDEEN AND PROCURED HIS CLOTHES TOGETHER WITH TWO BOOKS, ONE ENTITLED MATHEMATICS OF EXTERIOR BALLISTICS BY G. A. BLISS AND TABLE OF INTERVALS, A BOOK ON APPLIED MATHEMATICS, NEITHER OF WHICH BOOKS WAS OBTAINED FROM THE ABERDEEN LIBRARY. HE ADMITS THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY DATA HE TOOK PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR HIS RESIDENCE IN DENVER, COLORADO. RENO LIKEWISE RECALLED AMONG HIS BOOKS AND PAPERS WERE VARIOUS PHOTOSTATS ENTITLED MATHEMATICAL THEORY OF AIR COMBAT BY L. B. C. CUNNINGHAM. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF AIR COMBAT AND FOR THIS REASON HAD THE MATERIAL IN HIS POSSESSION, HAVING PROCURED SAME FROM RESEARCH LABORATORY. RENO ADVISED IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE FOR PERSONS AT THE RESEARCH LABORATORY TO RETAIN POSSESSIONS OF BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS FROM LIBRARY WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE USUAL CHARGE OUT PRACTICES. RENO FURTHER REITERATED THAT HE HAS NEVER ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY SINCE DISCONTINUING CONNECTIONS WITH WHITTAKER

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CHAMBERS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN OR EIGHT. PHILIP RENO CORROBORATED HIS BROTHERS STATEMENT THAT THEIR ONLY VISIT TO ABERDEEN WAS IN JULY, FORTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO TOOK HIS CLOTHES, SEVERAL SUITCASES AND THE DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE. REQUEST RICHMOND LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PROFESSOR EDWARD J. MC SHANE. DENVER LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN L. KELLEY. KELLEY AND MC SHANE SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY QUESTIONED AS TO ANY KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE OF RENO-S ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES, ALSO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF ANY RESTRICTED MATERIAL WHICH THEY MAY HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION, AS WELL AS THEIR KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW RENO OBTAINED RESTRICTED MATERIAL TO BE USED IN CONTEMPLATED BOOK. THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AND RESULTS TOGETHER WITH CURRENT ADDRESS, FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND NY BY TELETYPE IN ORDER THAT ASSISTANT AG DONEGAN MAY BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IN EVENT HE DESIRES TO SUBPOENA KELLEY AND MC SHANE BEFORE GJ IN NYC. THESE INTERVIEWS ARE BEING CONDUCTED AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF MR. DONEGAN AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT HUAC WOULD SUBPOENA KELLEY AND MC SHANE FOR PUBLIC HEARING IMMEDIATELY SHOULD THEY LEARN FOREGOING.

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On December 16, 1948, Louis F. Budenz was interviewed in New York City concerning Alger Hiss. Budenz advised that he had never met Alger Hiss but understood that he was a member of the Communist Party connected with the Washington underground group. He stated he could not place the dates when he first heard of Hiss as a Communist Party member. He said that he can recall two instances when Hiss was mentioned in a discussion by Party members. The first discussion took place at the National Headquarters of the Communist Party during the time of the Hitler-Stalin Pact. Roy Hudson, Robert Miner and Budenz were present, as well as possibly some others, and they were discussing an attack on the "Daily Worker". Budenz stated that someone mentioned that Nathan Witt and Lee Pressman could not be too helpful because they were under attack at that time. Budenz stated that Alger Hiss was then mentioned by someone as a person who would be helpful and was referred to as a "good comrade".

Budenz said the second discussion took place in Jack Stachel's office sometime in 1945, at which time Eugene Dennis, Jack Stachel, Budenz and possibly Charles Krambein were present. The subject being discussed at that time was the "Amerasia" case. Dennis stated that Lieutenant Roth, who you will recall was a subject in the "Amerasia" case, had suggested that Alger Hiss should be used to quash the case.

Budenz advised that he had furnished the above information to the House Committee on Un-American Activities in executive session.

Budenz advised that he did not know whether or not Priscilla Hiss, wife of Alger Hiss, or Donald Hiss was a member of the Communist Party.

In addition to the above information, Budenz advised during a previous interview on August 26, 1948, that during the Hitler-Stalin Pact, Eugene Dennis contacted him at the "Daily Worker" and stated that he had a technical difficulty and wanted to know if Budenz felt that one Howard Hunter in Washington would help him. Dennis advised that he did not wish to contact Alger Hiss since Hiss was under a "cloud" at the time. Budenz understood that Dennis meant that his technical difficulty was that he had used a fraudulent passport.

The above is being submitted for your information.

Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY R. LOUIS
F. BUDENZ WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY CONCERNING ALGER HISS. HE ADVISED
THAT HE NEVER MET ALGER HISS BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF
THE CP CONNECTED WITH THE WASHINGTON GROUP. BUDENZ STATED THAT HE
COULD NOT PLACE THE DATE WHEN HE FIRST HEARD OF HISS AS A PARTY
MEMBER. HE ADDED THAT HE CAN RECALL TWO INSTANCES WHEN HISS WAS
MENTIONED IN A DISCUSSION BY PARTY MEMBERS. THE FIRST DISCUSSION
TOOK PLACE DURING HITLER STALIN PACT AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.
BUDENZ, ROY HUDSON AND BOB MINOR WERE PRESENT, POSSIBLY OTHERS.
THEY WERE DISCUSSING AN ATTACK ON THE DAILY WORKER. SOMEONE
MENTIONED THAT NATHAN WITT AND LEE PRESSMAN COULD NOT BE TOO HELP-
FUL BECAUSE THEY WERE UNDER ATTACK AT THE TIME. ALGER HISS WAS THEN
MENTIONED BY SOMEONE AS ONE WHO WOULD BE HELPFUL. HE WAS MENTIONED
AS A GOOD COMRADE. THE SECOND DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE IN JACK STA-
CHEL-S OFFICE SOMETIME IN FORTYFIVE. PRESENT WERE EUGENE DENNIS,
JACK STACHEL, LOUIS BUDENZ AND POSSIBLY CHARLES BRUMBEIN. THE SUB-
JECT BEING DISCUSSED WAS THE AMERASIA CASE. DENNIS STATED THAT

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LT. ANDREW ROTH HAD SUGGESTED THAT ALGER HISS SHOULD BE USED TO QUASH THE CASE. BUDENZ STATED THAT HE FURNISHED THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE HCUA IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. BUDENZ DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT PRISCILLA ~~HISS~~ OR DONALD ~~HISS~~ WERE MEMBERS OF CP. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION, BUDENZ DURING A PREVIOUS INTERVIEW ON AUGUST TWENTYSIXTH STATED THAT DURING THE HITLER STALIN PACT EUGENE DENNIS CONTACTED HIM, BUDENZ, AT THE DAILY WORKER AND STATED THAT HE HAD A TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY AND WANTED TO KNOW IF BUDENZ FELT THAT HOWARD ~~HUNTER~~ IN WASHINGTON WOULD HELP HIM. DENNIS CONTINUED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO CONTACT ALGER HISS SINCE HISS WAS UNDER A CLOUD AT THE TIME. BUDENZ UNDERSTOOD THAT DENNIS-S TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY MEANT THAT HE HAD USED A FRAUDULENT PASSPORT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 12-20-48

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY;
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Miss Gandy	_____

ASAC Belmont, New York, while talking on another matter today, advised that Hedi Massing, alias Hedi Gumpert, had been asked by the HUAC to come down and testify and she was very reluctant to do so. He stated he was going to get in touch with Mr. Donegan and advise him of this development and suggest that Hedi Massing be placed under subpoena for the Grand Jury. He stated if Mr. Donegan should decide to subpoena her he wanted authority to serve the subpoena, and I told him, having in mind her cooperation with the Bureau, that necessary permission to serve the subpoena was granted to the New York Office.

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SAC, New York

VIA AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

December 15, 1948

Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

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On December 14, 1948, the House Un-American Activities Committee turned over to the FBI Laboratory five 35 mm. negative films for copy and examination. These negatives were stated to be those previously referred to as the "pumpkin" microfilms. The negatives submitted were identified as follows:

(A) Grand Jury Exhibit #49.

(B) Grand Jury Exhibit #51.

(C) Grand Jury Exhibit #48.

(D) Grand Jury Exhibit #47.

(E) Grand Jury Exhibit #50.

With reference to negatives A and B, these are alleged to have been exposed many years ago but developed only within the last few weeks. Each contained approximately 30 exposures. Both of these negatives were fogged in many places and the emulsion on the film was badly deteriorated. This condition was apparently caused by the length of time between the exposure of the negative and its development. It is considered unusual that the latent image was even visible after the alleged lapse of time of approximately ten years. The fogging condition was typical of film which is developed a great length of time after its intended expiration date. One set of enlarged prints was made from each of these negatives. Many of the prints were illegible. However, 35 photographs were at least partially legible and in addition to the print made directly from the negative, three additional prints were made of each photograph.

Film E was submitted with films A and B but was entirely black. Efforts were made to restore it and make it at least partially visible, but these efforts were unsuccessful.

Film C was a film allegedly both exposed and developed some years ago. This negative contained 22 exposures. It was a Kodak negative bearing identifying symbols as follows:

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It was in good condition and one set of enlarged prints was made from the negative. Three additional copies of each photograph were later made from the first set of prints.

Film D was also alleged to have been both exposed and developed some years ago. This negative contained 36 exposures. It was observed to bear the notation "Dupont 428 Nitrate" along the edge of the negative at 12 inch intervals. It also bore framemarkers 19 mm. apart. This negative was also in good condition and four enlarged prints were made directly from the negative.

The negatives prepared as a result of rephotographing the first prints made from films A, B and C are being retained in the Laboratory. There is, of course, no negative for film D since all prints were made direct from the original film.

A comparison was made between the material turned over to the Grand Jury and the documents developed from the film made available to the FBI Laboratory and no additional documents were developed from the film, however, the Committee made available to the Grand Jury a number of documents which were illegible. Some of these documents were developed so that they are now readable. A study is being made of these particular documents in an effort to more definitely identify the nature of them so they can be possibly identified with the originals in one of the Government agencies.

cc: Washington Field Office
cc: Baltimore

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *WBF*

FROM : MR. J. E. MILNES *JEM*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 14, 1948

Time of call: 9:35 P.M.

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ASAC Belmont of New York called. He wanted to know if a comparison had been made between the "65 Chambers documents" and the documents obtained from the development and enlargement of the microfilm to determine if they were made by the same typewriter. He also wanted to know if we had determined the make of the typewriter used in typing the documents obtained from the microfilm. I obtained the Lab report concerning this matter which appears in a memorandum from Mr. Sizoo to Mr. Harbo dated December 9, 1948. I advised Mr. Belmont that the Lab examination revealed that they were not made by the same typewriter and that no effort had been made to determine the type of machine used in making the microfilm documents since the documents in our possession were photostats.

Mr. Belmont wanted to know the results of the Bureau's examination of the microfilm received by us from the HUAC. I determined from Supervisor F. L. Jones that the microfilm was only received this morning and the examination had not been completed. Mr. Belmont desired to be advised of the results as soon as possible.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory

DATE: December 13, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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This is to advise that this office on December 12, 1948, while interviewing HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, ascertained that he could not recall having loaned ALGER HISS a typewriter but that he might have loaned HAROLD WILSON a typewriter, which typewriter he said he later sold to Mrs. PITTMAN B. POTTER shortly after his second marriage in February, 1941. WADLEIGH further advised that he purchased this typewriter, a Remington Portable, in London, England in 1928 or 1929. He felt that this typewriter was one which had been assembled in London for as he indicated, it had the English characteristics.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, this office this date contacted Mrs. PITTMAN B. (MARGARET H.) POTTER, room 306, Annex #7, State Department, who willingly made available the typewriter which she stated she purchased from WADLEIGH.

Mrs. POTTER stated that she could not recall the exact date that she purchased this typewriter from WADLEIGH but that as best she could recall it was sometime around 1941. Mrs. POTTER was agreeable that this office retain this typewriter as long as any use was found for it in making comparative specimens.

For the information of the Bureau, this is a Remington Portable typewriter bearing a trade symbol of "Thrale and Reading Company, London". For further identification, it is noted that this typewriter has the pound insignia above the key bearing the numeral five.

It is requested that this typewriter be returned to this office after adequate examination has been afforded it in connection with instant investigation.

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Enclosure to Bureau by Special Messenger

cc - New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 15, 1948

To: SAC, Baltimore

EX-109

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 15, 1948.

Deleted Copy Sent William A. Rensen
by Letter 7-8-74
Deleted Copy Sent Allen Winston
by Letter 7-8-74

Re J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO 65-1642
FBI FILE NO 74-1333
LAB. NO. D-88853 BU

Examination requested by: Baltimore

Reference: Letter dated December 14, 1948

Examination requested: Document

Deleted copy sent William A. Rensen and Allen Winston by letters 7-8-74 & 7-24-74 respectively RD/dah

Specimens

K11 Letter addressed to "Mr. W. H. HILLEGOMST, Director of Admissions, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland.", dated "May 25, 1937.", beginning "Dear Mr. HILLEGOMST, I am sending to your office today..." and signed "PRISCILLA FANGLER HESSE", which bears known typewriting specimens.

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimen K11 was typed by the same machine which typed specimens K17, K32, K35 and K40.

The evidence will be retained as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE

D-88853

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bufile no. 74-1333)

Re Washington Field teletype dated December 13, 1948, to Director and Baltimore and Baltimore teletype dated December 14, 1948, to Director, New York and Washington Field.

There is enclosed herewith a typewritten letter written by PRISCILLA FANSLER HISS (Mrs. ALGER HISS) to Mr. W. M. HILLEGEIST, Director of Admissions, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, dated May 25, 1937. The writer of the letter in question indicated her address on this letter as 1245 30th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

The above-mentioned letter contains in substance an application for entrance into the Summer School at the School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland, for the session beginning June 7.

It is requested that the enclosed typewritten letter described above be compared with other known typewritten documents in this case.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

It is further requested that the enclosed specimen be returned to the Baltimore Office upon completion of the Laboratory examination in order that it may be returned to the University of Maryland.

The enclosed letter was contained in the records of Mrs. FLORENCE T. STAFFORD, Assistant, Registrar's Office, University of Maryland, Lombard and Greene Streets, Baltimore, Maryland, and was furnished by her to Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER on December 14, 1948.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 15, 1948

SIC: Washington Field

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of the evidence furnished from your office on December 11, 1948.

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ST DAVID WHITEHART CHAMBERS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

J. Edgar Hoover
Deleted Copy Sent
7-8-77
YOUR FILE NO. 7-100
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Examination requested by Washington Field

Deleted Copy Sent
by Letter Stephen J. Galt

Reference: Letter dated December 13, 1948

Examination requested: [illegible]

Deleted Copy sent William A.
Reuben and Allan Weinstein
by letters 7-8-74 and 7-24-74
Respectively - R.D.J.

Specimens

K3h Remington Portable typewriter, JME 80000, obtained from MRS. PITMAN
B. (MARGARET H.) POTTER, room 306, Annex #1, of the State Department.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

Typewriting specimens were taken from the typewriter, K3h, which is
listed above, with the following results obtained:

It was concluded that the typewriter, K3h, did not type Q5 through Q49,
nor was it used to type Q42, Q43 and Q46 through Q49.

A definite conclusion could not be reached as to whether or not the
typewriter, K3h, typed Q47, through Q49, Q44, Q45, and Q48 through Q49,
due to the fact the questioned photostatic copies are not sufficiently clear.

The typewriter, K3h, has been returned to the Washington Field Office.

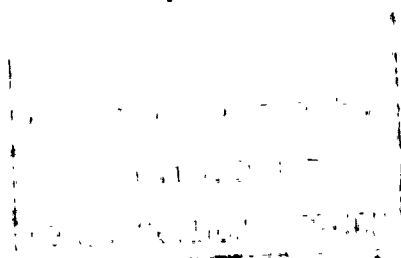
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
387 WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Milwaukee

December 15, 1948

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 15, 1948.

*Deleted Copy sent William G. Reubin
and Allen Weinstein by letters
7-8-74 and 7-24-74 respectively
RD/Yah*

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
PERJURY
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 65-706
FBI FILE NO. 72-1333
LAB. NO. D-8884 DU

Examination requested by: Milwaukee

Reference: Letter dated December 14, 1948

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K43 A letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania January 29, 1930, to Dr. J. W. FISHER, Medical Director, signed by H. L. MARTIN.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The typewriting listed above as K43 has been compared with Q6 through Q69, K17, K32, K35, K40 and K41. A definite conclusion could not be reached regarding K43 in comparison with Q6 through Q69, K17, K32, K35, K40 and K41 due to the fact that K43 does not contain sufficient typewriting for a study to be made of characteristics in certain letters of typing. However, there were noticed a few typewriting characteristics appearing in specimens Q6 through Q69, K17, K32, K35, K40 and K41, which are in common with certain typewriting characteristics appearing in K43.

The evidence, K43, will be returned to the Milwaukee office as soon as photographic copies have been completed.

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- 1 - Baltimore
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE

88854

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.

PERJURY

ESPIONAGE - R

Laboratory No. D-88546 BU

Bureau file 74-1333

Relet Milwaukee to Bureau attention Laboratory dated December 10, 1948.

Mr. JOHN L. HUGHES, Assistant Director, Agency Department, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on this date furnished the following described letter in the files of that company obtained from the policy file of one THOMAS F. GRADY (identical with the THOMAS F. GRADY alleged to have sold Woodstock typewriter to HARRY L. MARTIN of Fansler and Martin, Philadelphia):

K-13 - A typewritten letter dated January 29, 1930, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, Fansler and Martin, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., addressed to Dr. J. W. FISHER, Medical Director, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This letter concerns "THOMAS F. GRADY."

This letter accompanied the application of THOMAS F. GRADY for a policy of insurance, which application also bore the date January 29, 1930. GRADY at this time was employed by the West Disinfecting Company, but it is believed the typing is from the typewriter used in the office of FANSLER and MARTIN, sold by GRADY to that firm in 1928. ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

ONE The Laboratory is requested to conduct examinations in accordance with instructions previously furnished in this case.

ENCL. When the enclosed letter has served its purpose in this investigation, it should be returned to the Milwaukee Office in order that it may be returned to the files of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance.

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cc - Philadelphia (65-4204)
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

December 16, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, NORFOLKURGENT
SAC, NEW YORK

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. FOR INFORMATION NORFOLK OFFICE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER ALLEGED BY MRS. ALGER HISS TO HAVE BEEN IN THEIR HOME IN WASHINGTON, D. C. DURING YEARS NINETEEN THIRTY SIX TO NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS HAS ALLEGED THAT DOCUMENTS HE PRESENTED AT A PRE-TRIAL DEPOSITION HEARING AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ON NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT WERE TYPEWRITTEN BY EITHER ALGER HISS OR WIFE PRISCILLA. MRS. HISS HAS STATED THAT SHE RECALLS RECEIVING A TYPEWRITER FROM HER FATHER THOMAS FANSLER, DECEASED, WHO WAS IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND THAT AFTER NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT THE TYPEWRITER WAS DISPOSED OF BY HER TO A SECOND HAND DEALER IN WASHINGTON, D. C. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES THAT MR. FANSLER WAS GENERAL AGENT FOR NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, AND WAS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HARRY L. MARTIN FROM NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN TO LATER NINETEEN THIRTY. ACCORDING TO MARTIN, AT INCEPTION OF PARTNERSHIP A NEW WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER WAS PURCHASED AND WHEN PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED FANSLER RETIRED TO AN APARTMENT IN WESTERN PHILADELPHIA. MARTIN IS CONVINCED THAT FANSLER TOOK TYPEWRITER WITH HIM. BY LETTER DATED DECEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, PHILADELPHIA OFFICE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU A LETTER DATED DECEMBER SIX, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE ADDRESSED

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MISS HILLINGS" AND SIGNED "SINCERELY YOURS, DAISY FANSLER. DAISY FANSLER
SISTER OF PRISCILLA HISS. AT TIME ABOVE LETTER WAS PREPARED SHE WAS EMPLOYED
FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA. DAISY REPORTEDLY RESIDED WITH THOMAS FANSLER

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

WHEN INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED AND MOVED TO APARTMENT IN WEST
PHILADELPHIA. TYPEWRITING IN ABOVE LETTER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY FBI
LABORATORY WITH TYPING APPEARING ON DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY CHAMBERS IN
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. BUREAU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW DANNY FANGLER,
SEVEN THREE EIGHT CORAN VIEW, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, WHERE REPORTED
LIVING IN RETIREMENT FOR FULL INFORMATION RE WUXSTOCK TYPEWRITER OWNED
BY HER DECEASED FATHER, THOMAS FANGLER. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO DE-
TERMINE DISPOSITION OF THIS TYPEWRITER AND PARTICULARLY IF IT WAS GIVEN
TO PRISCILLA OR ALGER HESS, AND FURTHER IF SHE KNOWS THAT IT WAS IN RESIDENCE
OF HESS IN WASHINGTON, DURING PERIOD NINETEEN THIRTY SIX TO NINETEEN THIRTY
EIGHT. SHE SHOULD NOT BE ADVISED OF BUREAU'S POSSESSION OF LETTER DATED
DECEMBER SIX, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE AND NO REFERENCE TO THIS SHOULD BE
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MADE TO OBTAIN A SIGNED STATEMENT FROM HER IF INTERVIEW PRODUCTIVE AND
PERTINENT. RUTEL. NEW YORK ORIGIN.

CC PHILADELPHIA
BALTIMORE
WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 4261
Miami 26, Florida
December 15, 1948



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Attached is a clipping of the article by Edwin A. Lahey, Washington correspondent of the Knight newspapers, which I mentioned to you yesterday afternoon. A copy of this clipping was previously sent to the Bureau. As will be noted, Lahey seems to be terribly anxious to criticize the Bureau in spite of the fact that he tacitly admits that he knows none of the basic facts.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Carson

C. H. CARSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Where Was FBI?

Role of Bureau In Chambers Case Remains Mystery

By EDWIN A. LAHEY
Of Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—By good police work over the years, and by adroit public relations, J. Edgar Hoover has managed to place his Federal Bureau of Investigation beyond critical scrutiny. It is the equivalent of treason today to question the efficiency of the FBI.

But where was the FBI in the Chambers-Hiss espionage business in the past nine years? The question becomes more painful as the House committee investigation unfolds, even if the evidence is full of contradictions.

It has been established that Whittaker Chambers, the ex-Communist, went to government officials after the Hitler-Stalin pact of 1939, and told of the existence of a Communist ring inside the government, for which he had acted as a courier.

Chambers told his story to a number of responsible officials of the State department, A White House secretary and

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Role of FBI In Spy Case Is Mystery

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other government officials also heard of his charges.

Now we have public testimony for the first time that Chambers not only said in 1939 that a Communist ring existed, but that its members were looting the files of the State department.

Did the FBI have knowledge of Chambers' specific charges all this time? President Truman was vague about the matter the other day. He challenged a press conference assertion that the FBI did have knowledge of this charge, but conceded that the FBI has interrogated Chambers in the past and also investigated Alger Hiss, now accused by Chambers as one of the former State department officials who pilfered secret documents to be photographed for Soviet agents.

There is a tendency here to assume that there was a high level "fix" (at worst) or plain disinterest (at least) in the story supposedly told by Chambers in 1939.

This doesn't make sense. Harred of Communists and the Soviet Union was intense in Washington after the Hitler-Stalin pact. The Reds didn't become "respectable" again until Hitler invaded Russia.

It is inconceivable that the Chambers story of Communist espionage could have been brushed off as "Red baiting" during the tense period that followed the announcement of the Hitler-Stalin pact.

Yet the evidence hints at the impossible. The testimony is that Chambers said that secret government files were being pilfered, and that he could furnish documentary proof of his charge. But the documents did not turn up until nine years later, when Chambers led investigators of the House committee to the hollow pumpkin on his farm.

Question: If Chambers did tell his story nine years ago, how did he manage to keep from the FBI the knowledge that he had the documentary evidence which has turned up at this late date?

We'll probably never get the answer to this one, because only the FBI could tell the story. And any answer would make the Department of Justice look a little bit silly.

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CONVERSATION WITH INSPECTOR HOWARD B. FLETCHER. FRANCIS B. SAYRE WAS
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AT HIS RESIDENCE WITH A VIEW TO INTERVIEWING
HIM THIS EVENING IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS. SAYRE ADVISED
THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAD CONTACTED HIM IN
NYC AND SUBSEQUENTLY AN APPOINTMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE WAS MADE FOR TEN A.M. MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER 20, IN THE OFFICE
OF MR. GROSS, LEGAL COUNSEL TO STATE DEPARTMENT. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE
BY MR. SAYRE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO HAVE HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE
THE GRAND JURY IN NYC POSTPONED FROM 12-20-48 to TUESDAY MORNING 12-21-48

AT 10 A.M. SAYRE ADVISES THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS APPEARANCE IN THE
OFFICE OF MR. GROSS HE INTENDS TO PROCEED TO NYC. SAYRE APPEARED ENTIRELY
COOPERATIVE AND SUGGESTED THAT HE BE CONTACTED AT THE OFFICE OF MR. GROSS
LATE MONDAY MORNING 12-20-48 IF AN INTERVIEW WAS DESIRED AT THAT TIME. MR.
SAYRE INDICATED THAT AN INTERVIEW PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT ON MONDAY MORNING
WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT. SAYRE FURTHER ADVISED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAD SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HE NOT FURNISH ANY INFORMATION
TO ANYBODY PRIOR TO THEIR INTERVIEW WITH HIM ON MONDAY MORNING. HE ADDED THAT
HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THIS APPLIED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FBI. ANNABELLE
NEWCOMB, SECRETARY TO MR. SAYRE, WAS CONTACTED DURING THE EVENING OF 12-19-48

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RELATIVE TO AN INTERVIEW OF HER REQUESTED BY THE BUREAU. SHE REQUESTED THAT, BECAUSE OF FATIGUE SHE NOT BE INTERVIEWED ON THIS DATE. AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW HER AT TWELVE NOON ON MONDAY 12-20-48. WFO AWAITING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY US MARSHAL THOMAS FARSAN BOARDED VESSEL IN COM-
PANY OF CUSTOMS AGENTS. USM SERVED SUBPOENA ON FRANCIS B. SAYRE IN
HIS CABIN NO. TWO SEVEN SEVEN AT SEVEN TEN A.M. USM SUBSEQUENTLY
SERVED SUBPOENA ON ANNABELLE NEWCOMB IN HER CABIN NO. TWO TWO ONE AT
SEVEN TWENTY AM. SAYRE INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE AND HE
ADVISED THAT WHILE EN ROUTE TO US, HE HAD RECEIVED A CABLEGRAM FROM
THE HUAC, REQUESTING HIS PRESENCE AS A WITNESS BEFORE THAT COMMITTEE
ON THE MORNING OF DEC. TWENTY SECOND. HE ADVISED THAT HE OBSERVED
THAT INSTANT SUBPOENA SERVED BY THE USM CALLED FOR HIS PRESENCE BEFORE
THE GRAND JURY, NYC ON THE MORNING OF DEC. TWENTY NEXT. HE STATED
HIS PLANS WERE TO PROCEED TO WASH, DC, ELEVEN THIRTY AM THIS DATE
AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO INTENTION OF IGNORING THE GRAND JURY SUBPOENA,

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HE WAS DESIROUS OF KNOWING WHETHER AN EXTENSION OF TIME COULD BE GRANTED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE HAS BEEN AWAY FROM HOME SINCE AUGUST, FORTY EIGHT, AND HAS CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF IN THE STATE DEPT. ON MONDAY. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE ROBERT CLARK OF THE STATE DEPARTEMNT IN NYC, ENTERED THE CABIN DURING THE INTERVIEW WITH MR. SAYRE. MR. CLARK ADVISED MR. SAYRE THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE STATE DEPT. FOR MR. SAYRE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON MONDAY MORNING. PRIOR TO MR. CLARK-S ARRIVAL IN THE CABIN, AGENTS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY MR. SAYRE-S KNOWLEDGE OF MR. HISS AND HIS ACTIVITIES WHEN LATTER WAS MR. SAYRE-S ASSISTANT IN THE STATE DEPT. MR. SAYRE REPLIED THAT SINCE HE HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY SINCE AUGUST OF THIS YEAR, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO REVIEW ALL OF THE FACTS AVAILABLE, AND PARTICULARLY TO STUDY IN DETAIL THE DOCUMENTS WHICH MR. HISS IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TURNED OVER TO MR. CHAMBERS, AND HE UNDERSTANDS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN A CIVIL SUIT IN BALTIMORE IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. HE RELATED THAT

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HE WAS WILLING TO COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT WITH THE AUTHORITIES, BUT FELT THAT IN SUCH A MATTER AS THIS, HE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE IT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND STUDY BEFORE HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING INSTANT MATTER. MR. SAYRE WHO WAS MOST COOPERATIVE, INQUIRED WHETHER THERE WAS A POSSIBLE CHANCE OF HIS APPEARANCE AT THE GRAND JURY IN NY BEING DELAYED A DAY OR TWO UNTIL SUCH TIME AS HE FEELS SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH THE FACTS IN THIS CASE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MAY BE PRESENTED TO HIM.

IT WAS POINTED OUT TO MR. SAYRE THAT MR. T.J. DONEGAN WAS THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO WAS HANDLING THE MATTER BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, AND THAT ANY DECISION RELATIVE TO THE POSTPONMENT OF MR. SAYRE-S APPEARANCE WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO COME FROM MR. DONEGAN, BUT IF MR. SAYRE WOULD CONTACT THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON, IT WAS FELT THE DECISION COULD BE REACHED AS TO WHEN MR. DONEGAN DESIRED HIS APPEARANCE. MR. SAYRE STATED THAT HIS RESIDENCE IS FOUR EIGHT FIVE THREE ROCKWOOD PARKWAY, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONE ORDWAY THREE FOUR THREE FOUR, THAT HE PLANNED TO BE IN HIS OFFICE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT EARLY MONDAY MORNING, AND COULD BE REACHED THERE THROUGH TELEPHONE NO.

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FOUR SEVEN ZERO SEVEN CONNECTICUT AVENUE NORTHWEST, APARTMENT ONE ONE THREE, TELEPHONE EMERSON SIX EIGHT HUNDRED, WAS INTERVIEWED BRIEFLY BY AGENTS. SHE RELATED THAT SHE WAS VERY UPSET BY ALL OF THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THIS CASE AND PARTICULARLY TO MR. HISS. SHE RELATED SHE DID NOT FEEL THAT SHE WAS IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME TO BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH SHE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH MR. HISS. IT WAS APPARENT TO AGENTS THAT MR. SAYRE DESIRED TO DELAY THE APPEARANCE OF MISS NEWCOMB BEFORE THE GRAND JURY UNTIL A LATER DATE, PROBABLY AT THE TIME THAT HE WOULD TESTIFY. DURING THE TIME AGENTS WERE ABOARD SHIP, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE HUAC MADE ANY ATTEMPTS TO SERVE A SUBPOENA OR OTHERWISE COMMUNICATE WITH MR. SAYRE. THERE WERE SEVERAL NEWSPAPER MEN ABOARD WHO DESIRED AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. SAYRE AND THE PUBLICITY DIRECTOR FOR THE HOLLAND AMERICAN LINE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INTERVIEW OF MR. SAYRE BY THE PRESS AT SEVEN FIFTY AM.

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MR. SAYRE STATED TO AGENTS THAT IT WAS HIS PLAN NOT TO MAKE ANY OFFICIAL COMMENT TO THE PRESS IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE. MR. T.J. DONEGAN HAS REQUESTED THAT AGENTS OF THE WFO CONTACT MR. SAYRE EARLY THIS EVENING TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFRESH HIS RECOLLECTION INSOFAR AS HIS ASSOCIATION WITH HISS IS CONCERNED SO THAT HE CAN BE INTERVIEWED. IF MR. SAYRE-S RECOLLECTION HAS NOT BEEN REFRESHED, IT IS DONEGAN-S SUGGESTION THAT SAYRE NOT BE INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THE WFO, BUT THIS MATTER BE HANDLED BY AGENTS OF THE NY OFFICE AT THE TIME WHEN MR. SAYRE ANSWERS HIS SUBPOENA IN THIS CITY. ~~DONEGAN~~ ALSO REQUESTED THE SAME PROCEDURE BE FOLLOWED IN CONNECTION WITH ANNABELLE NEWCOMB.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW OF FRANCIS B. SAYRE AND MISS ANNABELLE NEWCOMB

On December 17, 1948, Mr. T. J. Donagan requested the New York Office of this Bureau to interview Mr. Francis B. Sayre and Miss Annabelle Newcomb, his secretary, immediately upon their arrival in the United States. Mr. Sayre is United States representative to the United Nations Trade Council and was formerly Assistant Secretary of State and immediate supervisor of Alger Hiss in 1938. He was returning from Paris where he had been on United Nations business.

The SS New Amsterdam docked at Hoboken, New Jersey, at 7:00 A.M., December 19, 1948. Special Agents of the New York Office, accompanied by Deputy United States Marshal Thomas Farsan, boarded the vessel in company of customs agents. Marshal Farsan served the subpoena on Francis B. Sayre in his cabin #277 at 7:10 A.M. Marshal Farsan subsequently served a subpoena on Annabelle Newcomb in her cabin #221 at 7:30 A.M.

Mr. Sayre was interviewed by the Special Agents of the New York Office and he advised that while en route to the United States he had received a cablegram from the House Committee on un-American Activities requesting his presence as a witness before that Committee on the morning of December 22. He stated that he observed the subpoena served by Marshal Farsan called for his presence before the Grand Jury in New York City on the morning of December 20, next. He commented that his plans were to proceed to Washington, D. C. at 11:30 A.M., December 19, and although he had no intention of ignoring the Grand Jury subpoena, he was desirous of knowing whether extension of time could be granted in view of the fact that he had been away from home since August, 1948, and has considerable business to take care of in the Department on Monday.

Special Agent in Charge Robert Clark, State Department in New York City, entered the cabin during the interview with Mr. Sayre. Mr. Clark informed that he had instructions from the State Department for Mr. Sayre to communicate with the Department of Justice as early as possible on Monday morning.

Prior to Mr. Clark's arrival, the Special Agents of this Bureau had discussed briefly with Mr. Sayre his knowledge of Mr. Hiss and the activities of Hiss when he was Sayre's assistant in the State Department. Mr. Sayre replied that since he had been out of the country since August, 1948, it would be necessary for him to review all of the facts available, and particularly, to study in detail the documents Mr. Hiss is alleged to have turned over to Mr. Chambers and he understands had been introduced in a Civil Suit in Baltimore in November of this year.

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Mr. Sayre related that he was willing to cooperate to the fullest extent with the authorities but felt that in such a matter as this he would have to give it serious consideration and study before he would be in a position to answer any questions concerning instant matter. He inquired as to whether there was a possible chance of his appearance at the Grand Jury in New York being delayed a day or two until such time as he feels sufficiently familiar with the facts in this case to answer any questions which may be presented to him. Mr. Sayre was informed by the Special Agents that this was a matter for the consideration of Mr. T. J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who was handling the matter before the Grand Jury, but if Mr. Sayre would contact the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., it was felt that the decision could be reached as to when Mr. Donegan desired his appearance.

Mr. Sayre stated that his residence is 4853 Rockwood Parkway, Washington, D. C., telephone Ordway 3434; that he planned to be in his office in the State Department early Monday morning and could be reached there through telephone number Republic 5600, extension 3860.

Miss Annabelle Newcomb, 4707 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, Apartment 113, telephone Emerson 6800, was interviewed briefly by the Special Agents. She related that she was very upset by all of the publicity given to this case and particularly to Mr. Hiss. She related that she did not feel that she was in a position at this time to be interviewed concerning the period during which she was associated with Mr. Hiss.

During the time the Special Agents were aboard ship there was no indication that the House Committee on un-American Activities made any attempts to serve a subpoena or otherwise communicate with Mr. Sayre. There were several newspapermen aboard who desired an interview with Mr. Sayre and the Publicity Director for the Holland American Line made arrangements for an interview of Mr. Sayre by the press at 7:50 A.M. Mr. Sayre stated to the Special Agents that it was his plan not to make any official comment to the press in connection with instant case.

Subsequently, Mr. T. J. Donegan requested that Special Agents in Washington, D. C. contact Mr. Sayre early the evening of December 19 to determine whether he has had an opportunity to refresh his recollection in so far as his association with Alger Hiss is concerned so that he could be interviewed. Mr. Donegan also suggested that if Mr. Sayre's recollection had not been refreshed that he be interviewed in New York by Special Agents when he answers his subpoena in that city. Mr. Donegan requested that the same procedure be followed in connection with Annabelle Newcomb.

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Special Agents contacted Mr. Sayre on the evening of December 19 and he stated that a representative of the Department of Justice had contacted him in New York City and that subsequently an appointment with representatives of the Department of Justice was made for 10:00 A.M., Monday morning, December 20, in the office of Mr. Cross, Legal Counsel to the State Department. Further, arrangements

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had been made by Mr. Sayre with the Department of Justice to have his appearance before the Grand Jury in New York City postponed from December 20 to Tuesday, December 21, at 10:00 A.M. He advised that immediately following his appearance in the office of Mr. Gross he intends to proceed to New York City. He suggested that he be contacted at the office of Mr. Gross late Monday morning, December 20, if an interview was desired at that time. He indicated that an interview prior to his appointment on Monday morning would not be convenient. Mr. Sayre further advised that representatives of the Department of Justice have suggested to him that he not furnish any information to anybody prior to their interview with him Monday morning. He added that he did not feel that this applied to representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Miss Annabelle Newcomb was contacted during the evening of December 19 relative to an interview. However, she requested that because of fatigue she not be interviewed on this date. An appointment was made to interview her at 12:00 noon on Monday, December 20.

INTERVIEW OF MISS ANNABELLE NEWCOMB, DECEMBER 20, 1948

Special Agents of the Washington Field Office interviewed Miss Annabelle Newcomb on the above date. She advised that she first became aware of Alger Hiss at the time he was appointed assistant to Mr. Sayre. She knew nothing of him prior to that time. She alleged, in regard to typewriters, that while she was in Mr. Sayre's Office in the State Department she had never used a Woodstock Typewriter. She was unable to recall that Alger Hiss had ever made any unusual requests of her stenographic ability for completing any material and she was unable to state any occasion that Alger Hiss or any other person had taken any material from Mr. Sayre's Office but explained that she would not necessarily know if such action had taken place.

She was questioned concerning her personal knowledge, as well as any knowledge, she might have of any association between Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers and persons named by Chambers as appearing in the espionage conspiracy and she advised that she knew of no such association and had no personal knowledge or recollection of any of them other than that obtained from recent newspaper accounts.

The foregoing is for your information.

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cc - Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell

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The Attorney General

December 21, 1948

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 20, 1948, concerning the obtaining of the film in instant case from the House Un-American Activities Committee for the purpose of having it examined by the DuPont Company and the Eastman Kodak Company in order to ascertain the identity and competency of witnesses to establish the date of manufacture of this film.

Arrangements have been made for a Bureau Agent accompanied by William Wheeler, investigator for the House Committee, to contact the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, and the DuPont Plant at Parlin, New Jersey, for the purpose of determining the date of the manufacture of the five rolls of film in question. It is understood that four of these rolls of film were manufactured by Eastman, the other roll being manufactured by DuPont.

You will be promptly advised as soon as the necessary information concerning this film is ascertained. The Bureau Agent and Mr. Wheeler are today in Rochester, New York, in connection with this matter.

CC - Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 21, 1948, concerning the examination of film by the DuPont and Eastman Kodak Companies. *2-1*

Information has been received that the roll of film in this case designated as the Grand Jury Exhibit #47 has been examined by the DuPont Company in Parlin, New Jersey. George P. Hunter, Chief Supervisor, Finishing Area, DuPont Photograph Products Department at Parlin, New Jersey, after examining this roll of film has stated that he is willing to testify that it was manufactured either in December, 1936, or June, 1944. In this regard, it has been ascertained that the imprinted code number 428, which appears on this roll, was used by the DuPont people for film manufactured in December, 1936, and again used for film produced in June, 1944.

Walter Dewey Baldsiefen, Group Leader in charge of Emulsion Research, DuPont Photograph Products Department at Parlin, New Jersey, after examining the film has stated he will testify that it is a coarse grained film and that the bulk of film made by DuPont after 1939 is of the fine grain type, approximately 95% being of the latter type. Mr. Baldsiefen will further testify that fine grain film should have been used for this purpose (the copying of documents), and that fine grain film has been manufactured by DuPont only since and not prior to 1939.

The additional four rolls of film in this case have been examined by experts at the Eastman Company at Rochester, New York. The roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #49 has been identified as having been manufactured during the first half of 1937. The roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #48 has been identified as having been manufactured in the last half of 1937. The film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #50, an exposed roll, cannot be identified as Eastman film with certainty although the experts have indicated it is probably of Eastman manufacture. The roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #51 cannot be determined as to the date of manufacture although it is possible, according to the Eastman experts, to take a strip of this film and after a two or three day period of analysis to be able to determine probably whether it was manufactured prior to February of 1939.

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It was ascertained that either of the following individuals, both of whom are long-time Eastman employees, may be used for purposes of subpoena:

Henry T. Ireland, Superintendent of Cine and Heat Sheet Film Department, Kodak Park Works, Eastman Kodak, Rochester, New York.

Joseph C. Golan, Assistant Superintendent of same department with the same address as above.

The above is for your additional information in this matter.

cc - Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
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Bureau files contain no identifiable information concerning Mrs. F. F. Wadleigh, mentioned above. (4) u

Should any information be developed during the investigation of Henry Julian Wadleigh in instant case which can be identified with Mrs. F. F. Wadleigh, as being a possible relative of Henry Wadleigh, the Bureau should be advised. (4) u

cc: New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
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DATE: December 20, 1948

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DETERMINATION OF AGE OF FILM
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JMF

In accordance with your instruction, I secured the name of Special Agent Robert K. McQueen of the Washington Field Office as the Bureau Agent who would go with the House investigator to make the necessary inquiries of the Eastman Kodak Company and the DuPont Company. I furnished this name immediately to Mr. Nichols. He called back in a few minutes and stated that William Wheeler, investigator for the House Committee, was going out on this matter and that he could be reached at Branch 1343 on the Capitol Code Exchange; that Wheeler wanted to go tonight.

I talked to Special Agent McQueen and to Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office. I advised them that Special Agent McQueen was to accompany Wheeler to the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, and to the DuPont plant at Parlin, New Jersey, for the purpose of determining the date of the manufacture of the various rolls of film, five in number. Four were understood to be of Eastman production; the other of DuPont. I explained that inquiries at Washington had reflected that the Eastman film was manufactured in 1937, the DuPont film either in December, 1936, or in June, 1944. The purpose of the trip now was to get a positive statement as to the date of manufacture and the name of competent witnesses to testify as to the date of manufacture.

While Special Agent McQueen and Supervisor Delavigne were present, I talked with SAC Maynor of Buffalo, New York, and advised him that Special Agent McQueen and Wheeler would be in Rochester in the morning; that they wanted to contact the Eastman Company; and requested that he make arrangements to facilitate the contact. He advised that they should contact Resident Agent Charles Harkins, who would make the necessary arrangements. *re*

I also instructed Special Agent McQueen that when they were ready to proceed to Parlin, New Jersey, he telephone his office in Washington and advise of his probable arrival there, so that arrangements could be made at the DuPont Company to facilitate the check there. When I receive word as to their probable arrival in Parlin, New Jersey, I will telephone the Baltimore Office in order that they can make the necessary arrangements. It will be recalled that the Baltimore Office previously advised that this contact should be made with the DuPont Company in Wilmington.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI, Atten: Supervisor Lish Whitson DATE: 11/25/48

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: ALGER HISS; WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
ESPIONAGE - R~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re telephone conversations of November 24, last, between MR. WHITSON and SAC McFARLIN regarding captioned case.

Enclosed are photostatic copies of sixty-five pages of typewritten material together with photostatic copies of five pages of handwritten material. Same were obtained on Nov. 24, last, from MR. RICHARD F. CLEVELAND, Baltimore Trust Bldg., Baltimore, Md., attorney for MR. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, by Agents DANIEL F. X. CALLAHAN and FRANK G. JOHNSTONE. The Agents executed a receipt for this material but it need not be returned to MR. CLEVELAND. The enclosures are photostatic copies of documents presented by MR. CHAMBERS during his pre-trial deposition in connection with the pending libel suit filed by HISS against CHAMBERS. The deposition was made during the afternoon of Nov. 17, 1948, in the office of MR. WILLIAM L. MARBURY, Maryland Trust Bldg., Baltimore, principal attorney for MR. HISS.

The original documents are presently in New York City being examined by a private document examiner named HILTON, employed by ELBRIDGE W. STEIN, whose address is available in the New York telephone directory. The original documents are to be returned to MR. CLEVELAND at Baltimore on Friday morning, November 26, 1948, at which time they will be lent to the Baltimore Office. The originals will then be transmitted to the Bureau. The original documents were taken to New York City by MR. HAROLD R. MEDINA, JR., of the law firm Cravath, Swain and Moore of New York City, 15 Broad Street, NYC, attorneys for TIME magazine and associated with MR. CLEVELAND in representing CHAMBERS in said libel action.

The enclosed photostatic copies are the only ones available at present, however, MR. CLEVELAND, MR. MARBURY, and the law firm of Cravath, Swain and Moore possess a set of photostatic copies.

As explained telephonically to MR. WHITSON, the deposition made to date by MR. and MRS. CHAMBERS occurred on November 4, 5, 16, and the forenoon of the 17th, last. The injection of the documents by CHAMBERS, which he alleges he obtained from HISS, has lengthened the proceedings inasmuch as MR. MARBURY states he has many more questions bearing directly on the documents to ask CHAMBERS.

Approximately 100 pages of the deposition taken on the afternoon of Nov. 17, 1948, all bearing directly on the enclosed documents, have not been transcribed to date by MR. T. EDWARD McDONALD, shorthand reporter, 150 Equitable Bldg.,

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Alger Hiss; Whittaker Chambers

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following request of MR. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. MR. McDONALD was supposed to have received instructions on Monday, Nov. 22, 1948, pertaining to the transcription of this portion of the testimony but to date he has received no instructions from MR. CAMPBELL in this regard.

The testimony for the three and one-half days to noon, Nov. 17, 1948, has been transcribed and distributed as follows: Original and three copies to MR. MARBURY, two copies to MR. CLEVELAND, and one copy retained by MR. McDONALD. MR. McDONALD's copy is available to the Bureau at a price as yet unknown. Extra copies of the transcript of testimony from noon, Nov. 17, 1948, on can undoubtedly be obtained on request from MR. McDONALD, but such an order should probably be placed before transcription commences.

One of MR. MARBURY's copies of the transcript has been sent to an unknown law firm in New York City associated with MR. MARBURY in representing HISS in the libel suit. The original and the other two copies of the transcript are still in MR. MARBURY's possession.

One of MR. CLEVELAND's copies of the transcript has been sent to Cravath, Swain and Moore, while the second copy is still in his possession.

No opportunity has been had to date by this Office to review the testimony taken during the first three and one-half days of the deposition. The Bureau is requested to advise if two transcripts of the complete deposition of MR. and MRS. CHAMBERS is desired or only two copies of that portion relating directly to the documents.

The Baltimore Office requests that it be furnished with a complete set of photostatic copies of the enclosures in anticipation of an early interview with MR. HISS. Arrangements were made with MR. MARBURY to have MR. HISS available for interview in the Baltimore Office on Nov. 26, 27 or 29, 1948, but such arrangements have been canceled in view of the Bureau's desire to have CHAMBERS' testimony regarding the documents available prior to interviewing HISS.

The Bureau is also requested to advise whether it is desired that HISS be interviewed regarding the entire deposition or only regarding that portion relating to the documents. In this connection, MR. MARBURY has stated that

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the three and one-half days testimony to noon, Nov. 17, 1948, deals primarily with a "rehash" of CHAMBERS' testimony before the HCUA as well as CHAMBERS' background and life-long activities in detail. MR. MARBURY is convinced that CHAMBERS is and has been a "bad actor" and stated that the three and one-half days testimony and his investigation developed a lot of "dirt" in CHAMBERS' past. MR. MARBURY was particularly impressed with the fact that CHAMBERS never produced the documents for patriotic reasons but only to "save his skin" in a libel suit.

MR. MARBURY stated that on Nov. 18, 1948, he went to New York City and showed a photostatic copy of the documents to HISS. HISS admitted that the sixty-five letter-sized typewritten documents appear to be authentic copies of State Department documents and that four of the five smaller sheets appear to be in his handwriting. HISS denied having given any of this material to CHAMBERS and wondered who stole same from the State Department and from his desk in the State Department and gave it to CHAMBERS.

According to MR. CLEVELAND, CHAMBERS claims he kept these documents for safe-keeping from sometime in 1938 to Nov. 14, 1948. In case something happened to him, CHAMBERS left instructions to turn these documents over to proper authorities. These instructions were in a sealed envelope in the possession of a man named LEVINE, full name and address unknown, a nephew of MRS. CHAMBERS and a lawyer in Brooklyn, New York. CHAMBERS told MR. CLEVELAND that until he opened the envelope on Nov. 14, 1948, he did not recall its exact contents or that the documents were so extensive. CHAMBERS also advised MR. CLEVELAND that previous documents of a similar character received by him from HISS in 1937 and 1938 were turned over to COLONEL BUKHOFF (phonetic). However, the documents now involved were retained by CHAMBERS and not turned over to BUKHOFF because CHAMBERS, at that time in 1938, intended to break with the Communist Party. CHAMBERS' conscientious reluctance to "go all out for HISS," for whom MR. CLEVELAND claims CHAMBERS still has a sincere affection and admiration, caused CHAMBERS' delay in producing these documents sooner in this libel proceeding and in the previous HCUA investigation.

No further action will be taken by the Baltimore Office after the transmittal of the original documents described herein unless advised otherwise by the Bureau.

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SAC, New York

November 26, 1948

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Attached for the information of the New York and Washington Field Offices are copies of a communication directed to the SAC, Baltimore, re "Whittaker Chambers, Internal Security - R," dated November 24, 1948, and its attachment, a communication dated November 28, 1948, from Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, re "Testimony of Whittaker Chambers Before Grand Jury."

You will note from the remarks of Mr. Campbell that if prosecutive action is instituted against Whittaker Chambers by reason of the testimony given before the Grand Jury, New York will, of course, be office of prosecution.

Washington Field is being furnished with copies of these items because of its interest in matters affecting both Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers.

cc-Washington (with enclosure)
Baltimore (with enclosure)

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

RE: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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The Bureau is requested to advise the Baltimore Office after these documents and testimony have been reviewed so that arrangements can be made

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November 29, 1948

to interview ALGER HISS as previously requested by the Bureau. In the interim the interview with HISS is being deferred.

Very truly yours,

M. W. McFarlin
M. W. McFARLIN
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

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REGISTERED MAIL TO BUREAU
cc: New York
Washington Field

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Baltimore, Maryland
November 29, 1948

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Very truly yours,

H. W. McFARLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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REGISTERED MAIL TO BUREAU
cc: New York
Washington Field

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RD*

FROM : Mr. Sizoo

SUBJECT: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: November 30, 1948

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The evidence described below was received from the Baltimore office on November 30, 1948.

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- Q1 Slip of paper bearing handwriting in pencil beginning "M 28 Mary Martin widow of HUGH MARTIN formerly..."
 - Q2 Slip of paper bearing handwriting in pencil beginning "About March 2 U.S. embassy in Paris..."
 - Q3 Slip of paper bearing handwriting in pencil beginning "March 3 Johnson U.S. charge at London..."
 - Q4 Slip of paper bearing handwriting in pencil beginning "Mar 11 Gauss U.S. consul at Shanghai..."
 - Kc1 Photostatic copy of a three-page letter dated April 13, 1936 beginning "Dear Mr. CASE, The arrangements suggested in your letter..." bearing known handwriting specimens of ALGER HISS.
 - Kc2 Photostatic copy of a letter dated April 16, 1936 beginning "Dear Mr. CASE, The washer on the plunger of the pump..." bearing known handwriting specimens of ALGER HISS.
 - Kc3 Photostatic copy of a letter dated April 25, 1936 beginning "Dear Mr. CASE, I was disappointed to receive..." bearing known handwriting specimens of ALGER HISS.
 - Kc4 Photostatic copy of a two-page letter dated May 5, 1936 beginning "Dear Mr. CASE, Your letter of April 22 and earlier letters..." bearing known handwriting specimens of ALGER HISS.

It was concluded that the questioned writing appearing on specimens Q1 through Q4 was written by ALGER HISS whose known handwriting is described above as Kc1 through Kc4.

The above described evidence is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: This memorandum with the attached evidence should be routed to the Security Investigative Division.

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Kc1 thru Kc4 put in 74-1333-13 as encl. sig
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 13, 1948

To:

SAC, Milwaukee

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 12, 1948.

*Deleted copy sent William A. Reuben
and Allen Weinstein by letter 7-8-74
7-24-74 respectively.*

RD/
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by Letter 4-25-75

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

JAY DAVID WHITEAKER CHAMBERLAIN, with aliases
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Milwaukee

Reference:

Letter - December 10, 1948

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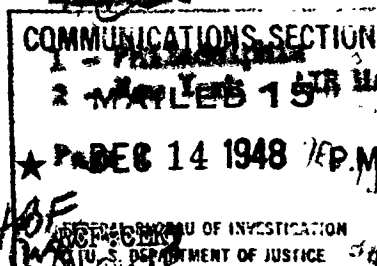
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Specimens:

K24 A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Ballitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated January 14, 1929 at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. R. E. IRWIN, Assistant Secretary and signed H. L. MARTIN.

K25 A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Ballitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated June 29, 1929 at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. R. E. IRWIN, Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN.

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- K26 A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANGLER & MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bellitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated July 8, 1929 at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. E. J. JOHNS, Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN.
- K27 A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANGLER & MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bellitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated August 21, 1929 at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. H. R. RICKER, Assistant Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimens K24 and K25 is different than any of the questioned typewriting appearing on questioned specimens which have been submitted in connection with this case.

The typewriting appearing on K26 and typewriting appearing on K27 although having the same general style of type as shown on specimens Q6 through Q9 previously submitted, contained certain typewriting characteristics that are not in common with similar typewriting characteristics appearing in the questioned typewriting Q6 through Q9. The questioned specimens were typewritten in the years 1937 and 1938 while the known specimens K26 and K27 were typewritten in 1929 which allows for a number of years in which a typewriter could deteriorate, be cleaned or repaired in such a manner that it would not be possible to identify or eliminate the known specimens.

Specimens K24 through K27 are returned herewith to the Milwaukee office, photographic copies being retained in the Bureau's file.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY DATE: December 10, 1948

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
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Re Philadelphia teletype to Milwaukee 12/9/48, 6:20 p.m.,
and Milwaukee letter to Bureau, attention Laboratory, December 7, 1948.

By teletype on December 9, 1948 the Philadelphia Office requested Milwaukee to obtain further typewriter specimens from the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee. The following original specimens have been obtained from that company:

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- K-5 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the North-western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated January 14, 1929 at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. R. E. PERRY, Assistant Secretary and signed H. L. MARTIN. This letter concerns "HERBERT F. GRESSLEY #1931338."
- K-6 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the North-western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated June 29, 1929 at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. E. D. JONES, Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This letter concerns "FRANK BARGER Nos. 197-390, 1987861."
- K-7 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the North-western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated July 8, 1929 at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. E. D. JONES, Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This letter concerns "FRANK E. BARGER, Nos. 1970390, 1970391, 1987861."
- K-8 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the North-western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated August 21, 1929 at

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Memo, Director, FBI
December 10, 1948
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Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. H. R. RICKER,
Assistant Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This
letter concerns "FRANK E. BARGER, 1970390, 1987861."

These letters were furnished Agents by Mr. R. E. PERRY,
Secretary of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee
from the files of his office. He has made photostatic copies of them for
his own files. It will be noted that in referenced letter Mr. JOHN E.
HUGHES advised that he did not need to have the original letters returned
to his files. Mr. PERRY desires that those furnished by him be returned
when they are no longer useful to this investigation. In order that the
policy be uniform, all letters furnished by Northwestern Mutual Life
Insurance Company should be returned to the Milwaukee Office when no
longer useful to this investigation.

The Laboratory is requested to examine these letters in an
effort to determine whether or not they were typed on the same type-
writer as questioned documents already in possession of the Laboratory and
in accordance with instructions previously furnished in this case by
referenced letter. The results of the examination should be furnished
Philadelphia and New York, the latter being the office of origin.

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ENCLOSURES - REGISTERED MAIL - AMSD

cc - Philadelphia
New York

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DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY

December 10, 1948

SAC, MILWAUKEE

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Philadelphia teletype to Milwaukee 12/9/48, 6:20 p.m.,
and Milwaukee letter to Bureau, attention Laboratory, December 7, 1948.

By teletype on December 9, 1948 the Philadelphia Office
requested Milwaukee to obtain further typewriter specimens from the
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee. The following
original specimens have been obtained from that company:

K24 K-5 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the North-
western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special
Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated January 14, 1929
at Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. R. E. PERRY,
Assistant Secretary and signed H. L. MARTIN. This
letter concerns "HERBERT F. GRESSLEY #1931338."

K25 K-6 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the North-
western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special
Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated June 29, 1929 at
Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. E. D. JONES,
Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This letter concerns
"FRANK BARGER Nos. 197-390, 1987861."

K26 K-7 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the North-
western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special
Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated July 8, 1929 at
Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. E. D. JONES,
Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This letter
concerns "FRANK E. BARGER, Nos. 1970390, 1970391,
1987861."

K27 K-8 - A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the North-
western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, HARRY L. MARTIN, FANSLER & MARTIN, Special
Agents, 207 Bullitt Building, 131 South Fourth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated August 21, 1929 at

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12/12 P. M. Lab.

Memo, Director, FBI
December 10, 1948
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Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. H. R. RICKER,
Assistant Secretary, and signed H. L. MARTIN. This
letter concerns "FRANK E. BARGER, 1970390, 1987861."

These letters were furnished Agents by Mr. R. E. PERRY,
Secretary of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee
from the files of his office. He has made photostatic copies of them for
his own files. It will be noted that in referenced letter Mr. JOHN E.
HUGHES advised that he did not need to have the original letters returned
to his files. Mr. PERRY desires that those furnished by him be returned
when they are no longer useful to this investigation. In order that the
policy be uniform, all letters furnished by Northwestern Mutual Life
Insurance Company should be returned to the Milwaukee Office when no
longer useful to this investigation.

The Laboratory is requested to examine these letters in an
effort to determine whether or not they were typed on the same type-
writer as questioned documents already in possession of the Laboratory and
in accordance with instructions previously furnished in this case by
referenced letter. The results of the examination should be furnished
Philadelphia and New York, the latter being the office of origin.

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ENCLOSURES - REGISTERED MAIL - AMSD

cc - Philadelphia
New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ATT: FBI LABORATORY DATE: December 10, 1948

FROM : *up* SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

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Reference is made to a letter from the New York Office to the Bureau dated December 7, 1948, wherein specimens of typewriting furnished by Mr. EDWARD C. MC LEAN, attorney for Mr. ALGER HISS, were furnished to the Laboratory for examination and comparison purposes. There was furnished at that time a copy of a letter dated January 30, 1933, 378 Central Park West, New York City, addressed to WALTER L. TIBBETTS, ESQ., 1216 Atlantic National Bank Building, Boston, Mass.

Today, Mr. EDWARD C. MC LEAN furnished the original copy of the letter addressed to WALTER L. TIBBETTS, ESQ., 1216 Atlantic National Bank Building, Boston, Mass. Mr. MC LEAN advised that the letter had actually never been sent and it is unsigned. Mr. MC LEAN stated that he was furnishing it to this office for examination in an effort to determine if it was typewritten on the questioned typewriter. The Bureau requested the Boston Office to attempt to ascertain this original copy of the letter. Boston has been advised that the letter was furnished by Mr. MC LEAN to this office today.

There is also enclosed herewith a carbon copy of a letter dated February 17, 1933, 378 Central Park West, New York, New York. This letter was addressed to WALTER G. SCHEIKER, Assistant Secretary, The Equitable Life Assurance Society, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York. *RF*

The Laboratory is requested to examine these specimens and compare the results of the examination with the typewriting on the documents furnished by Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, who states that the documents were furnished to him by Mr. ALGER HISS and copied on the HISS typewriter. It is requested that upon the completion of the examination, the results and the specimens be forwarded to the New York Office. *L*

Mr. MC LEAN has been advised that the results of this examination will not be furnished to him, but he has insisted that these specimens be returned to him. He was unable to offer any explanation why the original copy of this letter was in Mr. HISS' possession, when it was not mailed to the addressee, and he also advised that he does not know whether these specimens were typed on the typewriter which Mr. HISS had in his possession.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

September 13, 1948

To: SAC, St. Louis

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on December 11, 1948.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
Perjury, Espionage - R

Deleted Copy Sent
by Letter

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO

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Examination requested by: St. Louis

Reference:

Letter dated 12-11-48

Examination requested

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Deleted Copy sent William G. Roulson &
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7-24-74 respectively. RD/Jan
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Specimens

Ex23 Photostatic of an Application For Appointment and Statement Of Preferences
For Reserve Officers, dated January 15, 1926, bearing the signature of
ALVIN KISS.

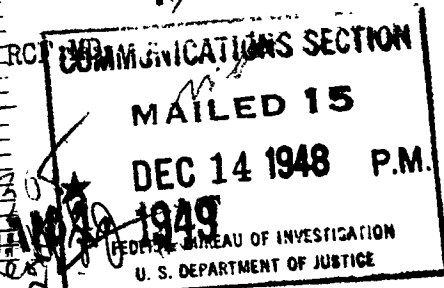
Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the typewriting on specimen Ex23 which
is described above was not the machine which was used to type any of the
typewriting that has appeared on questioned evidence submitted thus far in
this case.

Specimen Ex23 is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, St. Louis

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
Perjury, Espionage - R

DATE: December 11, 1948

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- AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY -

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

Retel WFO December 10, 1948

World War I Army record for Alger Hiss, born November 11, 1904 at Baltimore, Maryland, contains an Application For Appointment and Statement of Preferences For Reserve Officers, dated January 15, 1926. This Application is signed "Alger Hiss" and information on same has been inserted with a typewriter. It is not known however, whether such type-written material can be attributed to Hiss.

Reference Teletype requested specimens of any typed material submitted by Hiss in his army record be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with documents furnished by Whittaker Chambers. There is enclosed with this letter photostats of the Application, supra.

The results of the examination should be furnished to the New York Office and the photostats submitted herewith may be retained by the Laboratory.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 14, 1948

To: SAC New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence received from your office on December 13, 1948.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R

Deleted Copy Sent by Letter 4-25-71

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 65-11020
FBI FILE NO. 71-1333-323
LAB. NO. 100 D-38717 BU

Examination requested by New York

Reference: Letter dated December 10, 1948

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K17 (Photostats previously submitted) Original two-page typewritten letter dated January 30, 1933, beginning "Dear Walter, on reading over my policy last week", second page beginning: "wanted me stating that I had 'always' lived in my" The letter is unsigned, and purportedly typewritten by MRS. ALICE HESS.

K33 Carbon copy of typewritten letter, dated February 17, 1933, addressed to "Walter G. Schalker, Assistant Secretary, The Equitable Life Assurance Society, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York", letter beginning: "This is in reply to your letter of"

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the typewriting appearing on specimen K17 was typed by the machine which typed K32 and 46 through 469.

The typewriting on K33 was not clear enough for a definite conclusion to be made in a comparison with evidence in this case.

Specimens K17, K32, and K33, in returned herewith to the New York office, photographs copies having been made for the Bureau's file.

Enclosure - REGISTERED MAIL
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : SAC, Atlanta

SUBJECT: *Re: Jay David Whittaker Chambers.*
SPY PROBE, ~~ON-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE~~
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are being forwarded herewith for the Bureau's information
 copy of an editorial appearing in the "Atlanta Journal" December 13,
 1948, and copy of an editorial appearing in the "Atlanta Constitution"
 December 11, 1948 containing information concerning captioned subject.

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Those Stolen Papers of The State Department

IT IS NOW PROVED beyond doubt that on the eve of the Second World War important papers were stolen from the State department in Washington. This makes it imperative that all powers of the government be focused on finding out just how such a thing could have happened and on providing rigid safeguards against its possible recurrence. The affair no longer can be minimized as a mere "sensation" or brushed aside as a "political Red herring." It involves laxities and treacheries that touch the vitals of our national security.

There were published yesterday 21 of the 200 documents that Whittaker Chambers, confessed former agent of a Soviet spy ring, says he obtained from certain employes of the government in the late 1930's, notably from Alger Hiss who was then an official in the State department. At the time they were stolen these papers were diplomatic and military secrets of the first order, and some of them are still considered too confidential for publication.

Mr. Chambers now declares that they were in his possession, or in the keeping of someone friendly to him, for the past 10 years. But it was only a fortnight ago that he surrendered them to an investigator of the House committee on un-American activities. He had made no mention of them when he first confessed and renounced his Communist affiliations to the FBI, nor in his subsequent testimony before a federal grand jury in New York, nor at the hearings of the House committee last summer when he pressed his charges against Alger Hiss.

It would seem only natural that a man wishing to atone for past disloyalties and to wash his hands of the whole sordid business would have turned in this documentary evidence at the beginning of his reform, for it was the most important factor in the entire case. But Chambers withheld it until a defamation-of-character suit filed against him by Alger Hiss was coming to trial. Hiss himself, though he has repeatedly denied Chambers' charges, has a good bit of explaining to do. Some of the stolen State department memoranda are pronounced by experts to be in his own handwriting.

As the case now stands there are many knots to untangle, responsibilities to be determined and mysteries to be cleared up. This is a task on which the Department of Justice should bend its utmost efforts. Nothing short of a complete ferreting-out of all the dark corners will satisfy public opinion and serve to safeguard our national security.

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1948

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ENCLOSURE

To Cry 'Red Herring' Isn't Enough

It is too late in the day for President Truman to dismiss the evidence of Communist spying in the Government as a "red herring." Back during the campaign, when the Un-American Activities Committee was conducting hearings along the lines of a jamboree there was some semblance of justification for the charge.

But the facts today are that microfilms of some 200 documents, many of them still super-secret and the release of which would imperil public safety, have been recovered. There is as yet no indication of how many other documents found their way to potential enemy countries.

While it certainly should be true, as Acting Sec. Robert A. Lovett testified, that security regulations in the State Department have been tightened considerably in the period elapsing since the documents were stolen, that fact has no bearing whatever on the need for vigorous investigation of the espionage now known to have taken place, and full prosecution of the guilty.

President Truman is quoted as saying that so far as the stolen documents are concerned, Atty. Gen. Clark will take the necessary steps to see that the law is enforced. But the truth is that the Attorney General has not shown too much interest in the case. And the Justice Department, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, might well be accused of dereliction

of duty in its failure so far to follow up leads in America furnished by the atomic spy trials in Canada some two years ago.

The lethargy with which the Justice Department has dealt with the espionage case suggests the eagerness with which Toombs County officers tackled the slaying of Robert Mallard.

Grand Jury hearings have been resumed in New York, but so far they have been notable chiefly for the lack of enthusiasm by the Justice Department. It is reported that Atty. Gen. Clark was informed of existence of the stolen documents in mid-November, immediately after Whittaker Chambers' testimony in court proceedings at Baltimore. But no action was taken until the House Committee seized the microfilms two weeks later.

During the campaign politics inevitably played a great part in the Committee hearings and in the Administration's response to its findings. But the campaign is over now. And the evidence that has been uncovered lately plainly indicates someone, maybe several persons, unfriendly to the United States, had access to the secret files of the State Department. The documents which were stolen could be highly damaging to this country, even now. The charge of "red herring" cannot obviate these facts.

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 15, 1948

To:
SAC: New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of the evidence received from your office on December 14, 1948.

Deleted Copy Sent by Letter 4-2-75

Re:
JAY LAYNE WHITMAN CHARLES
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 55-11920
FBI FILE NO. 74-1333-325
LAB. NO. 1-86847 LU

Examination requested by:
New York

RECORDED - 138

Reference:
Letter dated December 14, 1948

Deleted Copy sent William A.
Rosen & Allen Weinstein by
Letter 7-8-74 & 7-24-74 respectively
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Examination requested:
Document

Specimens:

Deleted Copy Sent by Letter 4-2-75

- K36 Request For Change of Policy form, dated June 6, 1934, bearing the signature of ALGER HISS.
- K37 Typewritten letter dated June 6, 1934, to WALTER L. HENNETT, Esq., signed by ALGER HISS.
- K38 Typewritten letter dated March 22, 1933, headed "re: Policy No. 7,601,460", signed by ALGER HISS.
- K39 Typewritten letter dated April 19, 1933, headed "re: Policy No. 7,601,460", signed by ALGER HISS.
- K40 Typewritten letter dated February 17, 1933, to WALTER C. SCHLICK, signed by ALGER HISS. (K40 is the original of the carbon copy designated as K33)

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimen K40 was typed by the same machine which typed 46 through 49, 117, K32 and K35.

Specimens K36 through K39 have been typed on different machines than the machine which typed the evidence 46 through 49, 117, K32 and K35.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

The evidence, K36 through K40, is returned herewith to the New York Office, appropriate photographic copies having been retained for completion of the files of the Bureau.

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Enclosure - REGISTERED MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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1- Washington

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Reference letter to the Bureau from New York dated December 10, 1948.

There is enclosed herewith the original letter dated February 17, 1933, 378 Central Park West, New York, New York. This letter is signed by ALGER HISS and addressed to Mr. SCHELKER, of the EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY. There are also enclosed three original letters signed by ALGER HISS dated March 22, 1933, April 19, 1933 and June 6, 1934. These three letters were secured from the files of the EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, 393 7th Avenue, New York, New York. There is also enclosed a form labeled "Request for Change of Policy" signed by ALGER HISS which was also obtained from the files of the EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

The Laboratory is requested to examine these five specimens and compare the results of the examination with the typewriting on the documents furnished by Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, who has stated that the documents were furnished to him by Mr. ALGER HISS and copied on the HISS typewriter. It is requested that upon the completion of the examination the results and the specimens be forwarded to the New York Office. It is requested that this examination be conducted as expeditiously as possible, as the Legal Department of the EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY has requested that these forms be returned to them as soon as possible.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/15/48

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - RALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Re NY tel, 12/11/48, containing information obtained by the NY Office from
HORACE W. SCHMAHL, private investigator employed by EDWARD C. McLEAN, attorney
for ALGER HISS.

According to referenced tel, SCHMAHL offered the information that in 1936,
MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had used the name MRS. JAY CHAMBERS, who at that time
was reported to be the wife of MR. JAY CHAMBERS, Senior Administrative Officer
in the Treasury Dept. According to SCHMAHL, this information he had obtained
in a credit report in Baltimore. The Baltimore Office was requested to check
the credit records at Baltimore to ascertain if the information furnished by
SCHMAHL is available as stated.

The following is a copy of the report dated March 16, 1938, contained in the
files of the Credit Bureau of Baltimore, Inc., 200 W. Baltimore St., Balto.,
Md.

CHAMBERS: JAY
WIFE: ESTHER
2125 MT. ROYAL TERRACE

HE: SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS & DEPOSITS
WASHINGTON D.C.

SHE: TEACHER
PARK SCHOOL
3026 LIBERTY HEIGHTS AVENUE

"33-35 years of age. Married. Has been living here about three
months renting the property and sharing same with his wife
and two children.

"Formerly resided at 3310 Auchentoroly Terrace about six
months, and came here from New York City.

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"Well regarded.

"Since June 22, 1935, he has been employed by the U. S. Treasury
Department, Commissioner of Accounts and Deposits, Washington,
D.C. as a Senior Administrative Officer. Well recommended.

"His wife has been employed about five years as a teacher in
the Art Department of the Park School, 3025 Liberty Heights
Avenue. Is in good standing.

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"Income not known.

"LOCATE INFORMATION AS OF May 12, 1943

The following information is furnished in answer to your
recent request for the new address of this person.

Is now understood to reside at 6414 Western Road, Chevy
Chase, Maryland.

Please verify without delay, as any claim for the
cancellation of the charge involved must be made within
one week from the date indicated below.

"This locate information was furnished for Provident Savings
Bank on the given date.

"Trade Experience: Member	Account Opened	Last Charge	Last Payment	Owes--	Dating Back To	Highest Credit	Pays
Hutzlers	1-38	2-38	3-38	--	.	16.	30 days
Standard Oil	1-38	2-38	3-38	--		50.	30 days
Sears Roebuck	inq. 5/9/39.						
Credit Bureau of Greater New York Inc, New York inq. 11-19-48."							

It should be noted that HISS and WILLIAM L. MARBURY, his attorney, advised agents during interview at Baltimore on Dec. 4, 1948, that at one time in the late 1930's MRS. CHAMBERS had been a teacher at the Park School, 3026 Liberty Heights Ave., Balto.

Probably the above report actually refers to JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and his wife, ESTHER.

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cc: New York
Washington Field

Kisseloff-3639

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

DATE: December 15, 1948

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE *0*SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
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Enclosed for the Bureau's information in captioned case
is a clipping from the Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
dated 12/14/48. *3-1*
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Steuth for Hiss Gets Trail of Typewriter in Spy Case

disclosures must come from the FBI or the congressional committee on un-American activities. The FBI declined comment.

Philadelphia, Pa.-(P)—A private detective who said he was working for Alger Hiss' lawyer touched off a search for a Woodstock typewriter believed to be an important clue in the Hiss-Chambers Communist spy probe, the Evening Bulletin said Tuesday.

The newspaper, reporting that its information came from "the highest authority," said the detective was responsible for discovery of three or four typewritten sheets believed to have been produced on the still missing machine.

The Bulletin said its informant, not further identified, "related how the private detective had traced the Woodstock here after some 70 documents had been produced in Baltimore by Whittaker Chambers, former magazine editor."

Hiss' attorneys are Edward C. McLean of New York and William Marbury of Baltimore.

The Bulletin said the detective learned the typewriter had come from the office of Mrs. Hiss' father, Thomas L. Fansler, who died in 1940. Fansler's former partner is Harry L. Martin, now operating an insurance agency here.

"The private detective went to see Martin, whose partnership with Fansler was dissolved in the early 1930's, after less than five years' existence," the Bulletin said.

"Did Martin remember a Woodstock typewriter which was once in the offices of Fansler & Martin? He did, and recalled where and when it was obtained.

"The seller was located, it was

learned, and interviewed by FBI men. The hunt was then pressed for letters which might still be preserved through the years, which were originally written in the Fansler & Martin office."

The newspaper said Martin immediately advised the FBI of the private detective's inquiries concerning the typewriter.

Martin declined to comment on the newspaper story. He said all

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS - R. HE ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE WOODSTOCK
TYPEWRITER, IT IS BELIEVED IMPERATIVE EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN SERIAL
NUMBER OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER WHICH CAME INTO POSSESSION OF PRISCILLA HISS. THIS IS
NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY THE TYPEWRITER IN THE EVENT IT IS FOUND AND SECONDLY, TO
DECREASE THE NUMBER OF TYPEWRITERS TO BE ELIMINATED HERE. RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE
DATED DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, STATING THAT A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER WAS IN POSSESSION
OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MR. FANSLER AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL PRIOR TO THE FANSLER-
MARTIN PARTNERSHIP. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT PHILADELPHIA EXAMINE, IF AVAILABLE, THE
BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THIS PARTNERSHIP AND THE FANSLER-MARTIN PARTNERSHIP FOR ANY
INVENTORIES, INVOICES, OR OTHER PERTINENT RECORDS. IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE
ATTORNEYS FOR THE PARTNERSHIP INVOLVED BE CONTACTED FOR ANY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS
OR DISSOLUTIONS. IN ADDITION, IF A PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM AUDITED THE BOOKS OF THESE
PARTNERS, IT IS SUGGESTED THE WORK PAPERS OF THE ACCOUNTING FIRM BE CHECKED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
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(Bureau File No. 74-1333)

DATE: December 15, 1948

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There is enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information an article appearing in the Evening Bulletin for Tuesday, December 14, 1948, entitled "Sleuth 'Hired by Hiss' Touched Off Hunt for Typewriter Here."

The private detective mentioned in the article is undoubtedly HORACE SCHMAHL concerning whose activities the Bureau has been previously advised by the Philadelphia and New York Offices.

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Sleuth 'Hired by Hiss' Touched Off Hunt for Typewriter Here

A private detective, who said he was working for Alger Hiss' own lawyer, was responsible for tracing to this city the typewritten sheets which now are believed an important clue in the Hiss-Chambers case.

This was learned here today on the highest authority, as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the House Committee on Un-American Activities pressed a hunt for a battered Woodstock typewriter, following the discovery of three or four typewritten sheets assertedly done on such a machine.

This source related today how the private detective had traced the Woodstock here after some 70 documents had been produced in Baltimore by Whittaker Chambers, former magazine editor. Chambers said that the papers were given to him by Hiss.

Typed on Woodstock

Experts, the source continued, said the typing was done on an old Woodstock, and the law firm, he said, then questioned both Hiss and his wife, Priscilla Fansler Hiss, about a typewriter they once had in their Washington home.

Hiss' attorneys are Edward C. McLean, of New York, and William Marbury, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Hiss said the typewriter had come from the office of her father, Thomas L. Fansler, who died in 1940. Fansler's office was in the Bullitt Building, 4th st. below Chestnut. His former partner is Harry L. Martin, who at present has an insurance agency in the Broad-Locust Building.

The private detective went to see Martin, whose partnership with Fansler was dissolved in the early

1930's, after less than five years existence. Did Martin remember a Woodstock typewriter which was once in the offices of Fansler & Martin? He did, and recalled where and when it was obtained.

Letters are Sought

The seller was located, it was learned, and interviewed by FBI men. The hunt was then pressed for letters which might still be preserved through the years, which were originally written in the Fansler & Martin office.

The typewriter, it was reliably said, was sold to the Fansler-Martin partnership in Wisconsin. The typewriter salesman recalled the sale because he remembered buying an insurance policy from the partners at the same time.

The partners were special agents for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., and the Milwaukee office of the FBI has asked the company's home office to search its files there.

The will of Thomas Fansler, in Orphans' Court files, has been examined but, it was learned, the instrument was not written on a Woodstock. Other registration papers which are preserved as permanent records are also being examined, so comparisons may be made with the papers produced at Baltimore and also the famous "pumpkin papers" in Washington.

After the private detective approached him, Martin wasted no time in calling in the FBI, and related all that had occurred. He told G-men of the private detective and the interview he had with him. Since then, Martin has conferred with FBI men on several occasions, it was learned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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DATE: 12-16-48

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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

At 11:45 a.m. today, ASAC Belmont, New York, called and advised Supervisor W. V. Cleveland that Alger Hiss was arraigned at about 11:30 a.m. today. He pleaded not guilty on both counts and his bail was set at \$5,000. He has until 4:00 p.m. today to make bail. The arraignment was handled by Messrs. Donegan and Whearty.

A condition of his bail was that he be fingerprinted and photographed by the FBI. Mr. Belmont advised that that was being done at the time of his call. He stated that photographs taken of Hiss would not be released to the press unless he received clearance from the Bureau beforehand.

The trial date was set tentatively as January 24, 1949.

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None. The above is for your information.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP R. RE WFO TEL DATED DEC ELEVEN LAST PERTAINING TO PROCUREMENT OF TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. FRANCIS THAYER ~~HOBSON~~, PRESIDENT, WILLIAM MORROW AND CO., FOUR TWO FIVE FOURTH AVE., NYC, FORMER HUSBAND OF PRISCILLA HISS, UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY COPIES OF TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS RECEIVED FROM MRS. HISS ALTHOUGH CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY HOBSON FROM FORMER WIFE AFTER MEXICAN DIVORCE, JAN TWENTY EIGHT, TWENTY NINE, NONE OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE WAS TYPEWRITTEN. HOBSON UNABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER SOURCES WERE SPECIMENS MIGHT BE OBTAINED.

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WASHINGTON AND CHICAGO FROM WASH FIELD 16 12:30p

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE E. REFERENCE BULET WFO
 DECEMBER THIRTEEN, COPY YOUR OFFICE, REQUESTING INTERVIEWS WITH SUPERIORS
 AND FELLOW EMPLOYEES CHAMBERS ET AL. REFERENCE URTTEL SEPTEMBER ONE
 REFLECTING ASSIGNMENT CHAMBERS TO RESEARCH PROJECT WITH RAILROAD RETIREMENT
 BOARD. INVESTIGATION HERE, WPA LIQUIDATION UNIT, FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY,
 INDICATES PERSONNEL FOR SAID PROJECT SELECTED BY RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD
 AND RECORDS OF GROUP ACTIVITY AT RAILROAD BOARD. REQUEST INQUIRY THERE TO
 LOCATE IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR AND COUPLE FELLOW WORKERS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH
 CHAMBERS WHO MAY BE INTERVIEWED ALONG LINES REQUESTED BY BUREAU.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. SUGGEST NEW YORK OFFICE DISCUSS WITH DONEGAN DESIRABILITY OF INTERVIEWING DR. ABRAHAM KARDINER, PSYCHIATRIST OF TIMOTHY HOBSON. KARDINER RESIDES ONE ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT PARK AVE. HE MAY HAVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM HISS WRITTEN ON WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD 16 10:30a

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. ALGER HISS
LISTED AS COUNSELOR FOR AMERICAN GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, BROADWAY AND
ONE HUNDRED FIFTYSIXTH STREET, NYC, IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. SUGGESTED
THAT RECORDS OF THIS ORGANIZATION BE SEARCHED FOR ANY CORRESPONDENCE
EMANATING FROM HISS FOR COMPARISON WITH MATERIAL TYPED ON WOODSTOCK
TYPEWRITER.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESP. DASH R. PHILIP
AND FRANKLIN VICTOR ~~RENO~~ DEPARTING FROM NYC FIVE PM TODAY. STATED
DESTINATION DENVER, COLO. THIS IS BEING SUBMITTED FOR INFO PURPOSES
INASMUCH AS RENO RETURNING YOUR DISTRICT.

DENVER ADVISED

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. REWFOTEL
FIFTEENTH. HARRY MARTIN HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE
ANY RECORDS OF THE FANSLER-MARTIN PARTNERSHIP IN HIS POSSESSION.
ON RECONTACT TODAY, MARTIN EXPLAINED THAT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH
FANSLER WAS A PARTNERSHIP QUOTE IN NAME ONLY UNQUOTE, AND THAT WHEN
IT DISSOLVED, FANSLER TOOK WHATEVER RECORDS EXISTED WITH HIM. NO
ATTORNEYS WERE UTILIZED BY FANSLER-MARTIN, SINCE NO PAPERS OF AGREE-
MENT OR DISSOLUTION WERE EVER DRAWN. ONLY AGREEMENTS WERE ORAL WITH
LEASE IN FANSLER-S NAME AND ALL EXPENSES WERE PAID BY FANSLER, WHO
WAS REIMBURSED BY MARTIN DIRECTLY FOR PROPORTIONABLE SHARE. NO JOINT
BANK ACCOUNT EXISTED AND MARTIN DOES NOT HAVE ANY PERSONAL BANK
RECORDS DATING BACK TO THE PARTNERSHIP PERIOD. MARTIN STATES NO
ACCOUNTANTS WERE EVER EMPLOYED BY PARTNERSHIP. PARTNERSHIP NAME WAS
NEVER REGISTERED UNDER ANY FICTITIOUS NAMES ACT NOR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL
REGISTRATION, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN REQUIRED BY LAW. ONLY PAPERS
BEARING PARTNERSHIP NAME WERE LETTERHEADS. MARTIN ALSO ADVISED TODAY
THAT ON DECEMBER THIRTEEN, TWO INVESTIGATORS FOR HCUA VISITED HIS
OFFICE, SHOWED CREDENTIALS, AND INTERROGATED HIM ALONG SAME LINES
AS PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS BY BUREAU AGENT. MARTIN SAYS THESE MEN WERE

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NAMED OWENS AND MC KILLIP. SAYS HE GAVE THEM NO ADDITIONAL INFO NOT ALREADY REPORTED TO FBI HERE. WHEN LETTER DESIGNATED AS K THIRTYFIVE HAS COMPLETELY SERVED ITS PURPOSE, IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO PHILA FOR RETURN TO FREE LIBRARY. IN EVENT TESTIMONY RE THIS LETTER NEEDED, SUBPOENA SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO FRANKLIN H. PRICE, LIBRARIAN, THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILA.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Lab

DATE: December 15, 1948
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FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
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Transmitted herewith are the following documents, possibly identical with the typewriting on the Woodstock Machine in question. The documents are as follows:

- 3 typewritten specimens obtained from brief case of HUDSON RYAN WELLS, former Communist Party official in Washington, D. C.
- 1 typewritten radio script presented by the Communist Party over Station WWDC in September, 1943.
- 1 photographic copy of typewritten list made by CHARLOTTE YOUNG in 1944.
- 1 photographic copy of typewritten telegram believed to have been made at the Communist Party Office in January, 1943.
- 1 photographic copy of a six page list of names believed to have been typed at the Communist Party Office in 1943.
- 1 photographic copy of a three page list believed to have been typed at the Communist Party Office in 1943.
- 1 photographic copy of a two page list believed to have been typed in the Communist Party Office in 1943.
- 1 photographic copy of a one page list believed to have been typed in the Communist Party in 1943.
- 1 photographic copy of a two page list believed to have been typed in the Communist Party in 1943.

This material should be compared with the typewritten specimens which are known copies obtained from the Woodstock Machine and should be returned to the Washington Field Office upon conclusion of the examination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Washington Field

December 18, 1948

Here follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 18, 1948.

Re: J. D. WHITEHEAD CHAMBERS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 74-44
FBI FILE NO. 74-1586-337
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Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated December 15, 1948

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Examination requested: Documents

- K44 Specimen: carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated July 15, 1942 beginning "Dear
Ned: I am submitting a report..." and signed "Fraternally yours, Phillip
Rosen."
- K45 A portion of a typewritten letter beginning with the first readable line
"...for the week ending August 10." and signed "Fraternally, Harry Williams."
- K47 A carbon copy of a typewritten daily newspaper circulation report bearing the
penalled dates "Aug. 11-17."
- K48 A fifteen page typewritten radio script entitled "VICTORY AND AFTER", a
recitation by Ruth McKenney presented by the Communist Party.
- K49 A photostatic copy of a typewritten letter beginning "Jim: As usual there
is a slight discrepancy..." and signed "Charlotte."
- K50 A photostatic copy of a typewritten report captioned "ANALYSIS OF RECENT
INTERVIEW AS OF January 4, 1944."
- K51 A photostatic copy of a telegram dated January 7, 1944 beginning "YOU ARE
HERE REQUESTED TO ATTEND..." and signed "MR. PAUL, CHAIRMAN."
- K52 A photostatic copy of a Western Union telegram dated January 7, 1944 beginning
"YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND..." and signed "MR. PAUL CHAIRMAN."
- K53 Four photostatic copies bearing typewritten listings of names and addresses.
First copy listed as "Mrs. Wagner 1220 Lawrence B.K." and ending with the
first name listed as "Mrs. Wagner 1220 Lawrence B.K." dated July 31, 1943 at Washington, D.C.
- K54 Two photostatic copies bearing typewritten listings of names and addresses.
First copy listed as "Mrs. Wagner 1220 Lawrence B.K." and ending with the handwritten
mark "Radio Address 1220 - B B.K.", dated "D.C. 7-31-43."

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- Kc85 Four photostatic copies bearing typewritten listings of names and addresses, first name listed as "Chas. & Marie Admonson 1543 33rd St NY" and ending on the fourth page with the following handwritten words "Mr. A Mrs. Hansen transfer to..."
- Kc86 One photostatic copy bearing typewritten listings of names, first name listed as "Charles and Marie Admonson" and ending with the name "Joseph Levine."
- Kc87 One photostatic copy bearing typewritten listings of names and addresses, first name listed as "Charles Admonson 1543 33rd St. N.Y." and ending with the name "Edw Klein 911 Webster St NY", dated "4/15/43."
- Kc88 One photostatic copy bearing typewritten listings of names and addresses, first name listed as "Joseph Langlois 608 Irving St. N.Y." and ending with the name "Anne Sucker 311 Quincy St NY."
- Kc89 Three photostatic copies bearing typewritten listings of names and addresses, first name listed as "St Robin 3121 N St. ____", and ending with the names "Mary Lapp 29 Buchanan St. N.E."

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the typewritings appearing on specimens K45 through Kc89 were not from the machine which was used to type Q5 through Q89.

The evidence K45 through Kc89 is returned herewith to the Washington Field Office. The evidence has not been photographed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 16, 1948

To: SAC, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 15, 1948.

Re J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO 74-96
FBI FILE NO 74-1333-338
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Examination requested by: Addressee

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Kc60 Two photostatic copies of a typewritten letter dated February 5, 1941, to Mr. ARTHUR H. MASHBURN, the Librarian of Congress, signed by PRISCILLA HISS.

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that Kc60 was not used to type any of the typewriting appearing on questioned evidence that has been submitted in connection with this case.

Kc60 will be returned to the Washington Field Office as soon as photographic copies have been made.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Lab

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
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1960- There is being transmitted herewith to the Bureau as an enclosure to this letter, two photostatic copies of a typewritten letter of resignation submitted by PRISCILLA HISS to the Library of Congress, dated February 5, 1941.

The above copies were made from a photostat negative that appears in the personnel file of PRISCILLA F. HISS at the Library of Congress. Mr. LEON W. SEIDNER of the Personnel Operations Branch of the Library of Congress stated that the original of the above letter had been requested recently by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and presumably is presently in the possession of the above Committee.

DEFERRED RECORDING

2 ENCL It is requested that the typewriting on the above specimens be compared with the ^{questioning} known specimens in this case. It is requested that the specimens be returned to the Washington Field Office after the examination is completed.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE DENVER TELETYPE
THIS DATE. INFO INDICATING JACK BRINTONS ASSOCIATION WITH PHILIP RENO
EMANATED FROM BALTIMORE OFFICE. SUBSEQUENT THERETO PHILIP RENO INTER-
VIEWED CONCERNING BRINTON AND ALL INFO OBTAINED BY HIM SET FORTH IN THIS
OFFICE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DENVER AND BALTIMORE, DECEMBER FIFTEENTH,
FORTY EIGHT. SIGNED STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM PHILIP RENO. HOWEVER,
CATEGORICALLY DENIES IMPLICATION IN INSTANT MATTER. SINCE STATEMENT
SETS FORTH IN DETAIL HIS EMPLOYMENT, ASSOCIATES, BACKGROUND, ETC., COPY
OF THIS STATEMENT BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO DENVER, AND UPON RECEIPT THEREOF
DENVER OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERROGATE BRINTON AS REQUESTED IN
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TO : MR. FLETCHER *11/15*

FROM : R. T. HARBO *RH*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE

DATE: December 16, 1948

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Attached hereto is a photographic print showing a section of the Dupont microfilm which was brought to the Laboratory for reproduction purposes by Mr. Wheeler of the House Committee. The identifying marking on the margin of the print, which reads "Dupont 428 Nitrate", is repeated along the margin of the film approximately every 12 inches.

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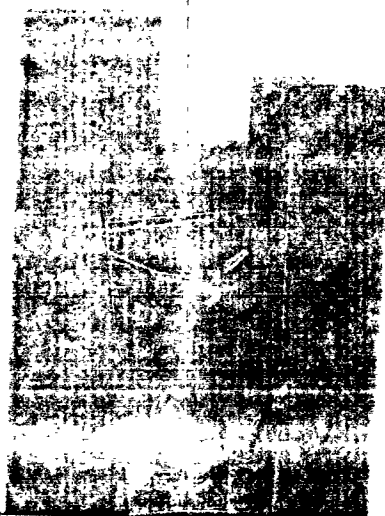
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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RETEL FROM NYC

FIFTEENTH INSTANT REQUESTING DENVER INTERVIEW JACK BRINTON, ²⁻¹ ~~PUEBLO~~, COLORADO,

CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY PHILLIP RENO IN COMMUNIST

APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON, AND FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION PERTINENT

INSTANT CASE. JACK BRINTON IS IDENTICAL WITH ~~JOHN~~ JOHN WELLS

BRINTON KNOWN BY THIS OFFICE TO HAVE BEEN A CLOSE ^S ASSOCIATE OF PHIL

RENO. BRINTON HAS TAKEN ACTIVE PART IN CP ACTIVITIES THIS DISTRICT,

AND IS A KEY FIGURE IN THIS OFFICE. BRINTON WAS UNTIL RECENTLY A

MEMBER OF ^H THE STATE BOARD OF THE CP IN COLORADO. PHIL RENO IN

TESTIFYING BEFORE GRAND JURY AT DENVER LAST OCTOBER STATED THAT

BRINTON HAD RESIGNED FROM THE PARTY, BUT NO CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN

OBTAINED FOR THIS STATEMENT. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IF A SATISFACTORY

INTERVIEW-S TO BE CONDUCTED WITH BRINTON, THIS OFFICE SHOULD HAVE

INFORMATION AS TO STATEMENTS AND ADMISSIONS MADE BY PHIL RENO AT NYC.

IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT BRINTON ^L WILL COOPERATE, AND IF THE INTERVIEW

IS TO BE CONDUCTED AT ALL, I THINK IT IS NECESSARY THAT DENVER AGENTS

HAVE FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING PHIL RENOS CONNECTION WITH INSTANT

CASE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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Mr. Fletcher
[Signature]

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL. PERJURY, ESP-. R. THROUGH
ARRANGEMENT MADE DEC. FIFTEEN LAST BY ASSISTANT A. G. ALEX CAMPBELL
WITH EDWARD MC LEAN, ATTORNEY FOR ALGER HISS, LATTER SURRENDERED HIM-
SELF ELEVEN FIFTEEN A. M. TODAY. WAS IMMEDIATELY ARRAIGNED BEFORE
U. S. D. J. CLANCY, SDNY ON TWO COUNT INDICTMENT, CHARGING VIOLATIONS
OF EIGHTEEN USC ONE SIX TWO ONE, AND PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO BOTH COUNTS.
ON RECOMMENDATION OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO A. G., ~~RAYMOND~~ RAYMOND
WHEARTY, COURT ORDERED HISS HELD UNDER FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND,
ORDERED HIM FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AND GRANTED REQUEST OF
ATTORNEY MC LEAN FOR PERMISSION TO FILE MOTIONS ON
THE INDICTMENT WITHIN TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY. AT REQUEST OF WHEARTY TENTA-
TIVE TRAIL DATE OF JAN TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN FORTY NINE WAS SET. IMMED-
IATELY AFTER ARRAIGNMENT HISS WAS FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY THST
OFFICE AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER REQUIRED BOND WAS FURNISHED.

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THIS AM PRIOR TO HISS ARRAIGNMENT A NEW G.G. WAS SWORN TO HEAR TESTIMONY IN INSTANT AND RELATED MATTERS, AND WAS THEREAFTER GIVEN INTRODUCTION TO SUBJECT MATTER BY MESSRS. CAMPBELL, DONEGAN AND WHEARTY. NO WITNESSES HEARD TODAY. CHAMBERS SCHEDULED TO BE FIRST WITNESS BEFORE G.J. DEC SEVENTEEN AND ONLY OTHER WITNESS EXPECTED TO BE HEARD THAT DAY IS HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH. ABOVE INFO RE G.J. APPEARANCE OF CHAMBERS TONORROW HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO PRESS BY CAMPBELL.

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pp JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. SINCE PHILA. AGENCY OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER CO. WAS NOT TAKEN OVER BY VICTORY TYPEWRITER CO UNTIL NOV NINETEEN FORTYSIX POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT RECORDS OF THIS AGENCY ARE STILL IN EXISTENCE IN SPITE OF FACT THAT CHICAGO OFFICE ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY ON DECEMBER NINE THAT RECORDS OF WOODSTOCK CO FOR THE YEARS NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN DASH THIRTY WERE DESTROYED IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE DASH THIRTYSEVEN. WHILE CENTRAL OFFICE RECORDS COVERING THIS PERIOD MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED THE PHILA AGENCY RECORDS SHOULD HAVE HAD A DUPLICATE RECORD OF SALE TO FANSLER-MARTIN AND SINCE THESE RECORDS WERE APPARENTLY NOT SENT TO HOME OFFICE TILL NINETEEN FORTYSIX THEY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE DASH THIRTYSEVEN WITH CENTRAL OFFICE RECORDS AND MAY STILL EXIST. CHICAGO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO RECHECK THIS POSSIBILITY. PHILA WILL LOCATE JOHN GALLAGHER WHO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN CHARGE OF WOODSTOCKS PHILA AGCY IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX WHEN VICTORY TYPEWRITER CO TOOK OVER. NO RECORDS WERE TURNED OVER TO VICTORY AND MANAGER OF VICTORY IS OF OPINION THAT RECORDS WERE SENT BACK TO HOME OFFICE BY GALLAGHER IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX. ST LOUIS HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SAM WARD, MANAGER OF WOODSTOCK PHILA AGENCY IN NINETEEN TWENTYSIX AND POSSIBLY NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN OR TO VERIFY HIS DEATH AS REPORTED A LIKELIHOOD BY THOS. GRADY WHEN INTERVIEWED BY MILWAUKEE OFFICE.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS - R. PERSONNEL QUESTIONNAIRE
OF PRISCILLA FANSLER HISS AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DATED MAY TWENTYFOUR,
NINETEEN FORTY, REFLECTS ONE RALPH FANSLER, BROTHER, BANK EXAMINER,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. RECORDS OF CIVIL SERVICE HERE
REFLECT ONE RALPH L. FANSLER, BORN FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED NINETEEN,
FORMERLY OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WAS WITH WAR ASSETS AID FROM FEBRUARY
THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT UNTIL FURLOUGHED ON OCTOBER NINETEEN, LAST.
HIS DETROIT ADDRESS WAS ONE FIVE FOUR SIX MONTCLAIR AVENUE, BELIEVED TO
BE BROTHER OF PRISCILLA. SUGGEST WE CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF HAVING
FANSLER INTERVIEWED RE ANY TYPEWRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED
FROM EITHER PRISCILLA OR ALGER HISS.

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TO : MR. FLETCHER *11/17/48*

DATE: December 17, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT:

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Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
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ab On December 16 I received a long distance call from Mr. Alex Campbell of New York City. He informed me that a new Grand Jury had been sworn in and that they would start to present witnesses to this Grand Jury on Friday, December 17. He inquired as to the date and time the Bureau received the microfilm from the Committee. I informed Mr. Campbell that this had been the subject of a memorandum to the Attorney General on December 14 and that copies had been directed to him, that I would have to check this memorandum to verify the time of the receipt of each of the films. Mr. Campbell stated that he had that memorandum in front of him and that that answered his questions.

Mr. Campbell further informed me that Alger Hiss had been arraigned, had plead not guilty and that the trial had been set for January 24.

He also informed me that he had held a press conference in New York and that he had taken occasion to praise the work of the FBI. I expressed appreciation to him for this.

Later in the evening of December 16, Dean Schedler of the Department called and mentioned the fact that there was some discussion that a flash light had ruined one of the negatives. He inquired if I knew anything about this. I informed him that I did not. I informed him that one of the committee investigators named Wheeler had stated that when the film was found it was in a can which was dented and which had permitted light to reach the film prior to its recovery by the committee. He asked if Mr. Campbell had talked to me about the film. I advised him that he had and that I had referred Campbell to the memorandum.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. - R. T.
J. DONEGAN ADVISES HE MADE FURTHER INTRODUCTORY REMARKS TO GJ TODAY
RE SUBJECT MATTER TO BE PRESENTED. CHAMBER-S THEN TESTIFIED AND WAS
ONLY WITNESS HEARD. HIS TESTIMONY WAS IN DETAIL CONCERNING HIS EARLY
ACTIVITIES WITHIN CP AND HE WILL RESUME HIS TESTIMONY DECEMBER TWENTY
NEXT. ON THAT DATE WILLIAM ~~WARD~~ PIGMAN AND GEORGE ~~PIG~~MAN ARE ALSO
SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY. DONEGAN PERMITTED HENRY JULIAN ~~WAD~~LEIGH
TO DEPART FOR HIS HOME IN WASHINGTON TODAY, BUT WADLEIGH WILL RETURN
FOR TESTIMONY EARLY NEXT WEEK. DONEGAN THIS PM PREPARED SUBPOENA FOR
GJ APPEARANCE DECEMBER TWENTY OF FRANCIS SAYRE AND THE LATTER-S SECRE-
TARY, ANNABELLE NEWCOMB, BOTH OF WHOM ARE DUE NYC, TOMORROW AM AND
ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR SERVICE OF SUCH SUBPOENAS BY USM AT EARLIEST
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, IS DASH R, ESPIONAGE RE
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE DECEMBER SIXTEEN AND DENVER TELETYPE TODAY 2-1
REGARDING INTERVIEW OF JOHN L. ~~KELLEY~~ AT COLORADO UNIVERSITY, ~~PHS~~
PHS EXECUTED BY FRANKLIN VICTOR ~~RENO~~ AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS ON
NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, LISTS PROFESSOR JOHN L. KELLEY
AS CREDIT REFERENCE SHOWING HIS ADDRESS AS DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CAL. BALTIMORE UNFAMILIAR WITH
LINES ALONG WHICH KELLEY SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED AS REQUESTED BY BUREAU.
SUGGEST NEW YORK SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS FOR SAN FRANCISCO TO
INTERVIEW KELLEY.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, R. RE NY TEL
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST. EDWARD JAMES MCSHANE, PRESENT ADDRESS TWO
NAUGHT NINE MAURY AVENUE, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., ADMITTED MEETING
FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO ON JULY ONE, FORTYTWO, WHEN MCSHANE BEGAN
EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, ABERDEEN, MD., AS MATHEMATICIAN
P SEVEN. MCSHANE RESIGNED POSITION JUNE, FORTYFIVE BUT CONTINUES AS A
CONSULTANT. MCSHANE ADMITTED COLLABORATING WITH RENO AND JOHN L. KELLEY
IN THE WRITING OF A BOOK. MCSHANE CHARACTERIZES RENO AS COMPLETELY
DEVOTED TO STUDIES OF MATHEMATICS, HAVING VERY LIMITED OUTSIDE INTERESTS
AND ACQUAINTANCESHIPS. RENO NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES
INIMICAL TO SECURITY OF UNITED STATES. NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ASSOCIATED
WITH ANY PERSONS ENGAGED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES. RENO NEVER KNOWN TO SAY
OR DO ANYTHING AGAINST BEST INTERESTS OF US. MCSHANE DENIES RECEIVING
ANY RESTRICTED OR CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM RENO BUT ADMITS RECEIVING
RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS UP TO PRESENT TIME FROM COMMANDING OFFICER
LABORATORY, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, TO WHICH MCSHANE ASSERTS HE IS
ENTITLED AS A CONSULTANT, MCSHANE ADMITTING THAT SOME OF THESE DOCUMENTS
MAY HAVE BEEN SENT THROUGH THESE OFFICIAL CHANNELS AT REQUEST OF RENO

TRANSMITTAL LETTERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BUT THE ~~REMAINDER~~ DOCUMENTS REMAIN

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SOME OF RENOS OWN COMPUTATIONS AND CHARTS FOR INCLUSION IN INSTANT BOOK. MCSHANE KNEW OF NO OTHER DISSEMINATION OF SUCH DATA BY RENO TO PERSONS OTHER THAN KELLEY AND HIMSELF. MCSHANE STATED IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE FOR RENO AND OTHERS TO TAKE RESTRICTED DATA HOME FOR EVENING STUDY BUT THIS PRACTICE DID NOT EXTEND TO CONFIDENTIAL AND SECRET MATERIAL. MCSHANE EXPLAINED THAT ONLY FOUR RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS WERE USED IN PREPARATION OF BOOK AND THESE DOCUMENTS WERE THE RESULTS OF MCSHANES AND KELLEYS OWN COMPUTATIONS. BOOK COULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO RESTRICTED MATERIAL BUT TO INSURE SECURITY OF SAME, WAR DEPARTMENT APPROVAL BEING OBTAINED PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. MRS. EDWARD JAMES MCSHANE ADMITTED RECEIVING ONLY ONE COMMUNICATION FROM RENO, NAMELY, A TELEGRAM CONCERNING THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HER HUSBAND. NO OTHER COMMUNICATION ADMITTEDLY RECEIVED. KNOWS NOTHING CONCERNING RENOS ACTIVITIES PAST OR PRESENT. HAD ONLY LIMITED ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH HIM IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR AND FORTYFIVE AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS.

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FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

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On December 15 Peyton Ford called me and advised that he thought if possible that an indictment might be returned against Hiss on that date. I asked Mr. Ford if he had forgotten the charges of perjury against Chambers. He stated that this had not been forgotten but that the Department wanted to see if they could obtain a conspiracy indictment for espionage first and thereafter they had in mind still considering perjury charges against Chambers.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

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DATE: December 17, 1948

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ep With reference to Assistant Director Harbo's memorandum of December 16, 1948, which is attached, I instructed SAC McFarlin, Baltimore, on December 16, 1948, to ascertain whether or not it would be possible to determine the age of a developed negative from a photograph of the pertinent portions of that negative. *Jif 2-1*

At 11:20 a.m. today, SAC McFarlin called back and stated that from the available data it can be said that the film was manufactured in either December, 1936 or in June, 1944, that a positive determination of this date could not be made from a photograph and could only be made from the negative itself. The correct person to contact to determine the exact age of this roll of film is A. H. Burkhardt of the Parlin Plant, Photo Products Department, Dupont Company, Parlin, New Jersey. Prior to contacting him the appropriate arrangements should be made through the Baltimore Office. At this time, further check cannot be made because the negative is not in the possession of the Bureau but is in the possession of the HUAC.

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J. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WA, PURJURY. ESPIONAGE.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 17, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

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At 7:20 PM on December 16, the Attorney General called and stated that he had heard Fulton Lewis on the radio making a statement attributed to a high Justice official who was unnamed, accusing the House Investigator of having turned his flash light on some of the film in this case and therefore having fogged it. I told the Attorney General that I knew nothing about any flash light that I had not heard any such statement, that the only information I had concerning this matter was the statement by Mr. Wheeler, an investigator for the House Committee, at the time that he delivered the film showing that the container in which one of the rolls of film was found was dented and the cover did not fit.

The Attorney General asked if the Bureau could have developed it clearer had they received it originally. I advised him it could not be so stated, that it would be impossible after the films were developed to determine whether it could have been developed clearer had the Bureau had it originally.

The Attorney General inquired if I knew of anything the Committee had done that had caused a delay or hurt our investigation. I told him I knew of no such action on the part of the House Committee. He asked me to think the matter over and he would call me on the morning of December 17. He made the remark incidentally that he had just gotten back from New York City but that he had not gone to the Court House.

On the morning of December 17 at 9:30 AM, the Attorney General called me and inquired as to the number of exposures on each of the films. I called his attention to the memorandum addressed to him of December 15 and read from this memorandum the information concerning the number of exposures and the number of photographs developed from each roll of film.

The Attorney General then inquired as to the date on which the FBI first obtained information from Mr. Campbell concerning the documents in connection with the deposition in Baltimore and also on what date the Bureau had obtained these documents. I advised him that I would check this and call him back, that if he was not in I would leave word with his secretary. At 10:00 AM I called and advised Mrs. Grace Stewart that the Bureau first heard of the documents in connection with this deposition on the afternoon of November 23 by memorandum of that date from the Criminal Division instructing that contact

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be made with Hiss' and Chambers' attorneys in Baltimore. I further informed Mrs. Stewart that on November 24 the Bureau obtained from these attorneys in Baltimore photostatic copies of these documents, that it was not possible to obtain the original documents on that occasion because, according to the attorneys, they were in New York being examined by a private document examiner, that subsequently on November 29 the Bureau obtained the original document.

While the Attorney General was talking to me he stated that he has taken the position that the Committee's questioning of Reno, etc. flushes other possible witnesses and is therefore harmful to the Department's investigation. I very carefully made no commitment or acknowledgement to this so that this statement could not be attributed to me or the Bureau as being critical of the Committee.

The Attorney General then asked "Have you received instructions not to cooperate with the Committee". I advised the Attorney General that I had seen nor received no such instructions, that our policy in connection with this entire matter has been to refer any inquiries from the committee to the Attorney General as is our policy in connection with all congressional committees.

The Attorney General then referred to the newspaper article in the "Washington Post" for December 17 which quotes Congressman Nixon as having said that he had called the FBI and had been advised by the FBI that they had no documents. I made no comment on this and the Attorney General did not follow this matter up.

I have checked with Mr. Nichols who states that the night prior to Congressman Nixon's leaving for Panama the Congressman had called him but that he, Nichols, had not made any such comment. He advised that there is a memorandum in the file reflecting his conversation with Nixon.

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TO : MR. D. M. IADD

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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DATE: December 17, 1948

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At 10:45 A.M. on December 17, 1948, Special Agent Tuohy of the New York Office telephonically contacted Supervisor W. V. Cleveland, at which time he advised that Donegan had requested that Francis Sayre be interviewed immediately upon his arrival in this country. Sayre is United States representative to the United Nations Trade Council and was formerly Assistant Secretary of State and immediate superior of Alger Hiss in 1938. He is presently in Paris on UN business. Donegan also desires that Annabelle Newcomb, Sayre's secretary who is presently with him in Paris, be interviewed as well.

Tuohy pointed out that the House Committee on Un-American Activities has publicly announced that as soon as Sayre returns from Paris, which is scheduled to be the latter part of this week or next week, he will be subpoenaed by the Committee. In this connection it is to be noted that the House Committee is scheduled to open hearings at the U. S. Court House Building, Foley Square, New York City, at 11:30 A.M. today.

Donegan has advised the New York Office that he will have a marshal serve a subpoena and that should Sayre arrive in this country by boat he desires that Agents of this Bureau accompany the marshal down the Bay where the ship can be boarded, the subpoena served by the marshal, and Sayre interviewed immediately.

The problem at the moment, therefore, is to determine when and how Sayre will be returning to the United States. In addition, Donegan has requested that Sayre's legal address be ascertained, which address will be used in connection with the subpoena. Tuohy requested that the Bureau ascertain these facts from the State Department in Washington or give the New York Office clearance to make inquiries at UN Headquarters and other logical places in New York in order to obtain the desired information. Tuohy was told that he would be advised in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that the Liaison Section immediately determine through Jack Neal at the State Department Sayre's itinerary so that appropriate plans may be made by the New York Office to comply with Donegan's requests.

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ADDENDUM: Mr. Neal has advised that Sayre and the U.N. Group are arriving in New York City on the SS New Amsterdam at 8 a.m., Sunday (December 19,

1948). Sayre has a train reservation, leaving New York at 11:30 a.m., arriving Washington, D. C., 3:30 p.m.

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*The last address Stall has
on Sayre (1947) is 4853 Rockwood
Parkway N.W., Wash. D.C.
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Addendum: 12-17-48

At 3:05 p.m. today, I phoned Special Agent Tuohy of the New York Office and advised him with reference to his telephone call today that the State Department advises that Francis Sayre and Annabelle Newcombe were both coming in at 8:00 a.m. this coming Sunday on the SS/^{New}Amsterdam. At present it is planned they will leave New York at 11:30 a.m. by train for Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tuohy advised that the newspapers had carried the story that Mr. Sayre was coming in on the SS New Amsterdam and also carried the story that Congressman Karl Mundt had radiogrammed Mr. Sayre to appear before the House Committee on either Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Tuohy stated it was planned to have a Grand Jury subpoena served on Mr. Sayre by meeting the boat out in the harbor prior to the time it docked.

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TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 18, 1948

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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At 5:45 P.M. December 17, 1948, I received a telephone call from Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office making inquiry as to the interview with Francis Sayre. I asked him why he inquired as I understood this interview would personally be handled in New York. He stated he had received the instruction from New York Office. I told him I would check to determine what developments had taken place and would further advise him.

I talked with Special Agent Tuohy and SAG Belmont of the New York Office and Mr. Tuohy explained that since Sayre and Annabelle Newcomb were leaving New York at 11:30 A.M. for Washington, it was believed that it would be best to interview these two people in Washington rather than New York, having in mind the fact that the HCUA investigation and newspaper reporters would probably be so conducting themselves as to make an interview at New York impractical. I pointed out to Mr. Tuohy that there was no guarantee that Mr. Sayre and Miss Newcomb would get on the train at 11:30 and that unless the New York Office took steps to determine when that they were coming to Washington it was impossible for the Washington Field Office to logically and practically handle this matter. He explained that Mr. Donegan was principally interested in the service of the subpoenas which will call for the appearance of Miss Newcomb and Mr. Sayre before the Grand Jury at 11:00 A.M., Monday, December 20.

Mr. Donegan has suggested that the interviews be made in Washington. I told him to recontact Mr. ~~Donegan~~ to point out that if the Agents do not keep track of Mr. Sayre and Miss Newcomb in New York, that the matter could not be practically handled at Washington without advance information as to their arrival and actual destination in Washington.

At 6:05 P.M. Mr. Tuohy called back and stated that Mr. Donegan held to the position that he felt that the interviews at New York could not be properly handled under the circumstances, having in mind publicity. Mr. Donegan also stated it would be impractical without actually contacting Mr. Sayre and Miss Newcomb to determine when and where they could be interviewed. He stated that what he wanted done principally was to effect service of the subpoena. This will be handled by the U. S. Marshal. The Marshal will board the SS New Amsterdam before it docks for the purpose of serving the subpoenas. Mr. Donegan instructed that the Agents interview Mr. Sayre and Miss Newcomb in New York if it can be done gracefully but they are not to insist on the interview and, of course, should not attempt interview if the circumstances such as the presence of newspaper reporters and the investigation make it impractical, if not impossible. Mr. Tuohy stated that they would therefore attempt the interview but would not press the matter and that the Washington Field Office need not concern itself with this interview unless further information is received from New York Office. In any event Mr. Sayre and Miss Newcomb will be interviewed by New York Office when they respond to subpoenas and prior to the time they go before the Grand Jury. I immediately called Mr. Delavigne and advised him that no action would be required by Washington Field Office in absence of additional information from New York.

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TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 18, 1948

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: WITNESSES BEFORE THE HOUSE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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Special Agent T. J. McAndrews of New York called the Bureau at 6:05 P.M. this date and spoke to Supervisor Davis with reference to your conversation earlier today with ASAC Belmont concerning whether we had guaranteed protection to any potential witnesses before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

He stated that the New York Office has not given or offered any protection to any such persons. His call was to advise the Bureau of this fact.

He said that with further regard to the person or persons who McDowell of the House Committee has stated will testify before the Committee, the New York Office believes that they may be either George Hewitt or Max Yergan or both. He stated that both of these men were in the Federal building on December 17, 1948, for the purpose of testifying before the House Committee. According to the New York Mirror the scene of their testimony was switched to the Pennsylvania Hotel for privacy. Later McDowell gave a newspaper interview at the Federal Building stating that the witnesses had furnished valuable leads for investigation in New York and Washington. Further, according to the New York Post, McDowell was seen leaving the Federal Building with George Hewitt.

Attached are clippings from New York Mirror and Washington Post relating to this matter.

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Spy Probers Gain New Leads From 2 Secret Witnesses

By GEORGE GRADY and ERWIN SAVELSON

New "highly important, highly valuable information" concerning Communist espionage in the U. S. was under investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee after two mystery witnesses were questioned in secrecy yesterday at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

House investigators also were reported digging into data linking Alger Hiss, former State Department official, under indictment on perjury charges, with Communist circles as late as 1946.

Rep. McDowell (R.-Pa.), who came to New York to direct a House subcommittee hearing into new phases of the Communist inquiry, admitted questioning the mystery witnesses at the hotel, but refused to give any clue to the information they provided or whether new testimony may involve Hiss.

Link to Lomakin

He declined to identify the witnesses, but said their evidence is "new, very new" and deals with "espionage in government affairs." He indicated it is sufficiently important to send him right back to Washington to talk

with Rep. Mundt (R.-S. D.), acting committee chairman.

Newsman learned that one of the witnesses indicated he is ready to tell of an extensive report written for Jacob M. Lomakin, the Soviet Consul General who was ousted from the U. S. after Mrs. Oksana Kasenkina,

Typewriter in Spy Case Is Identified

By WALTER WINCHELL

This reporter learned, on unimpeachable authority, that the FBI scientific laboratory has cracked the Chambers-Hiss case. When the full evidence is made public, the FBI men will be revealed as scientific crime detectors alongside of whom Sherlock Holmes was a blundering amateur.

Despite headline-hunting members of Congress, the FBI will receive the credit for solving the great Hiss-Chambers case when the truth is told. Through the work of the G-men and their scientific laboratory, the typewriter involved in the copying of stolen secret documents, has been identified.

Russian school teacher, leaped to freedom from the Consulate.

McDowell, originally scheduled to hold hearings at the Federal Building, switched to the Pennsylvania for purposes of privacy.

After questioning the two witnesses for two and a half hours, he rushed back to the Federal building and, in a three-minute interview, told newsmen:

"The witnesses gave some highly valuable information."

some leads that will be pursued immediately in Washington and New York."

Yergen Appears

He said he found the witnesses "very cooperative" and, before going back to the capital by train, commented:

"I feel my trip here was well worth while."

Earlier, Stephen Birmingham, an investigator for the House committee, appeared at the Federal Building with Dr. Max Yergen, former executive director of the Council on African Affairs, who was ousted by left-wingers led by singer Paul Robeson, and George (Tim) Holmes Hewitt, a former Communist Party National Committeeman.

Dr. Yergen and Hewitt told newsmen they were waiting to see McDowell. Later, Birmingham left with both men in a taxi, saying they were going "up town." House investigators refused to say whether Dr. Yergen and Hewitt were the "mystery" witnesses.

In Washington, Rep. Mundt said McDowell went to New York to question five witnesses and take their depositions. He said he did not yet know the nature of the "highly important" information.

Mundt said the committee cabled Dr. Francis Sayre, former Assistant Secretary of State and now president of the U. N. Trusteeship Council, that it desires to meet him after his arrival Monday from Europe aboard the

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Holland-American liner Westerdam. Sayre was Hiss' superior in the State Department.

Mundt said he requested Ann Belle Newcomb, Sayre's secretary, also aboard the Westerdam, to appear before the committee. Mundt declared four persons had access to the records which Hiss allegedly turned over to Chambers. The four, Mundt said, were Sayre, Hiss, Miss Newcomb and a stenographer in Sayre's office, who also has been called by the committee.

Shortly after Mundt's announcement, Justice Department officials in New York said Sayre has been requested to appear Monday before the new grand jury probing Communist espionage. They asserted Sayre probably will go before the jury on Monday and see Mundt's committee in Washington the next day.

The new jury, meanwhile, lost no time. Chambers, was its first witness. After he left the jury room, he was asked what he thought of the indictment of Hiss.

"I think the grand jury, the Department of Justice and the FBI each did an impressive job," he said, "but I would be inhuman if I could take any pleasure from Mr. Hiss' personal troubles."

Henry Julian Wadleigh, former State Department economist, waited in the witness room, but was not called. Wadleigh also has been accused by Chambers of feeding government information. Wadleigh, like Hiss, has denied the charge.

Before the jury recessed until Monday, Wadleigh told reporters he knew Hiss in Washington, but got to know him "much better" while both were waiting in the grand jury's anteroom in recent weeks. Wadleigh said his title in the State Department was "gobbledegook," adding:

"I was not a big shot, but there were people who were littler shots than I."

Wadleigh said he was told to return to the jury room Monday.

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McDowell Claims New Data on Spies

New York, Dec. 17 (U.P.).—Representative John McDowell (R., N.Y.), today said he had dug up some "highly important" new information involving "the matter of espionage in Government affairs."

McDowell came here for a one-day, one-man subcommittee hearing of the House group and he was scheduled to hold it in the Federal Courthouse where the new grand jury probing Communist espionage also is in session.

McDowell failed to show up. Two witnesses were on hand: George Hewitt, an admitted former Communist, and Max Yergan, former head of the Council on African Affairs, which is listed by the Attorney General as a subversive organization. Both are Negroes.

Finally, two committee investigators announced the hearing had been called off.

Was at Hotel

McDowell, it was learned later, was holding his hearing in the Hotel Pennsylvania with two other witnesses who were not identified and who have not appeared before the grand jury. It was from them that the Congressman got his new information.

Then he telephoned the Un-American Activities Committee in Washington and told his colleagues of his new information. McDowell said the two witnesses "testified to all matters pertinent to the questions at hand."

He was asked whether those "questions" involved Alger Hiss, indicted for perjury by the grand jury after denying he passed along restricted Government documents to Whittaker Chambers, former Communist courier.

"I mean the matter of espionage in Government affairs," he said.

McDowell said he would return to Washington tonight.

Admiration Increased

Asked whether he would appear before the Federal grand jury in New York, he said:

"My admiration for the New York grand juries has increased tremendously in the last few days. But I do not know whether I will appear before them."

The new grand jury, meanwhile, held a two-hour session at which Chambers testified. Henry J. Wadleigh, a former State Department official, was in the waiting room but was not called.

The grand jury recessed until Monday. It was expected the panel would decide on a fairly lengthy recess during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Chambers was asked by reporters what he thought of Hiss' indictment.

"I think the grand jury, the Department of Justice and the FBI each did an impressive job," he said. "I would be inhuman if I could take any pleasure in Mr. Hiss' personal troubles."

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